

COMMENT ?

LESSON FOCUS

LEVEL: A2

OBJECTIFS DE LA LEÇON

1. to learn to ask questions using **comment** (how)
 2. to learn various ways of asking questions, using formal or informal style
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UTILISATION DE "COMMENT"

To form a question starting with **comment**, you can: use the **inversion** method (verb+subject) OR use **est-ce que** after the question word.

These are the most common structures.

In a question using the inversion method, the letter **t** is required in front of **elle(s)**, **il(s)** or **on** when the verb ends with a vowel. This is to avoid a break, making the sentence sounds better.

Another way to ask a question is to simply change the intonation of your voice, making it rise towards the end of the sentence. This is an informal way of asking questions.

EXEMPLES - PRÉSENT

- ▷ How are you?
 - ▶ **Comment vas-tu ?**
 - ▶ **Comment est-ce que tu vas ?**
 - ▶ **Comment ça va ?** (informal)
 - ▶ **Comment est-ce que ça va ?** (informal)
 - ▶ **Ça va comment ?** (informal)

- ▷ What is your name ?
 - ▶ **Comment t'appelles-tu ?**
 - ▶ **Comment est-ce que tu t'appelles ?**
 - ▶ **Tu t'appelles comment ?** (informal)

- ▷ How do you make a chocolate cake ?
 - ▶ **Comment faites-vous un gâteau au chocolat ?**
 - ▶ **Comment est-ce que vous faites un gâteau au chocolat ?**
 - ▶ **Vous faites un gâteau au chocolat comment ?** (informal)
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EXEMPLES - PASSÉ COMPOSÉ

- ▷ How did she get here?
- ▶ **Comment est-elle arrivée ici ?**
- ▶ **Comment est-ce qu'elle est arrivée ici ?**
- ▶ **Elle est arrivée ici comment ?** (informal)

Notes

The **passé composé** is formed of the auxiliary **être** or **avoir** + **past participle** of the verb.

que becomes **qu'** in front of a vowel or an h.

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