

OU ?

LESSON FOCUS

LEVEL: A2

OBJECTIFS DE LA LEÇON

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

To form a question starting with **où**, 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.

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

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

- ▷ Where is the restaurant?
 - ▶ **Où est le restaurant ?**
 - ▶ **Où est-ce qu'est le restaurant ?**

- ▷ Where are you going?
 - ▶ **Où vas-tu ?**
 - ▶ **Où est-ce que tu vas ?**

- ▷ Where does he eat?
 - ▶ **Où mange-t-il ?** (*Notice the **t**, added to improve the liaison*)
 - ▶ **Où est-ce qu'il mange ?**

EXEMPLES - PRÉSENT - STRUCTURES INFORMELLES

- ▷ Where is the restaurant?
 - ▶ **Le restaurant est où ?**
 - ▶ **Le restaurant, il est où ?**
 - ▶ **Il est où, le restaurant ?**

 - ▷ Where are you going?
 - ▶ **Tu vas où ?**

 - ▷ Where does he eat?
 - ▶ **Il mange où ?**
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EXEMPLES - PASSÉ COMPOSÉ

- ▷ Where did you buy your shoes?
 - ▶ **Où as-tu acheté tes chaussures ?**
 - ▶ **Où est-ce que tu as acheté tes chaussures ?**

 - ▷ Where did you go?
 - ▶ **Où es-tu allé(e) ?**
 - ▶ **Où est-ce que tu es allé(e) ?**

 - ▷ Where did he eat?
 - ▶ **Où a-t-il mangé ?**
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EXEMPLES - PASSÉ COMPOSÉ - STRUCTURES INFORMELLES

- ▷ Where did you buy your shoes?
 - ▶ **Tu as acheté tes chaussures où ?**
 - ▶ **Tes chaussures, tu les as achetées où ?**

- ▷ Where did you go?
 - ▶ **Tu es allé(e) où ?**

- ▷ Where did he eat?

► Il a mangé où ?

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