

La phrase interrogative

basics

1. YES/NO questions (questions fermées) [à l'oral intonation montante ↑]

On forme une question exigeant une réponse par YES ou NO en faisant **monter l'AUXILIAIRE** requis **en tête de phrase** :

ARE you aware of the environmental, ecological and ethical nightmares that are perpetrated by the various animal industries?

HAS the president kept his promises ? **WILL** Scotland hold a referendum on independence again ? **SHOULD** voters get the day off on election day ?

Aux **temps simples** (présent simple et prétérit simple), on a **recours à l'auxiliaire DO** (*do/does* au présent et *did* au prétérit) :

DO women lack ambition ?

DOES climate change really matter ?

DID NASA Mars Rover find a signature of past life ?

2. WH- questions (questions ouvertes) [à l'oral intonation descendante ↓]

On forme une question en WH- en respectant l'ordre syntaxiques suivant :

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PRONOM WH-	AUXILIAIRE	SUJET	VERBE	(COMPLÉMENT / PRÉPOSITION)	?
WHAT	IS	the committee	working	on	?
WHOM	HAVE	the constituents	elected	as their new MP ?	?
WHY	DID	the crime	go	unpunished	?
HOW	MAY	one	understand	this phenomenon	?



Lorsque que le pronom **WHAT, WHICH** ou **WHO** est **sujet du verbe**, l'ordre syntaxique est celui d'une **phrase déclarative standard** + ?

What happened next ?

Which energy source causes the most pollution ?

Who said « time is money » ?

Domaines d'emploi des pronoms interrogatifs			
OBJET / NOTION	WHAT...	WHICH...	What is your name ?
	(choix ouvert)	(choix restreint)	Which side of the road do Australians drive on ?
PERSONNE	WHO...	WHOM...	Who was the first English monarch to visit the USA ?
	(sujet)	(complément d'objet)	Whom did Queen Elizabeth succeed ?
POSSESSION (possesseur humain)	WHOSE...		Whose responsibility is it to police content on Facebook ?
MANIÈRE	HOW... / HOW... + ADJ		How does China propose to address these concerns ?
			How significant is the latest discovery ?
LIEU	WHERE...		Where is the world heading ?
MOMENT	WHEN...		When did dinosaurs become extinct ?
DURÉE	HOW LONG...		How long have mammoths been extinct ?
DISTANCE TEMPORELLE	HOW LONG AGO...		How long ago did life first appear on Earth ?
FRÉQUENCE	HOW OFTEN...		How often does the moon change phases ?
NOMBRE D'OCCURRENCES	HOW MANY TIMES...		How many times a day do you check your phone ?
QUANTITÉ	HOW MUCH... ?	HOW MANY ?	How much time do children spend online ?
	(singulier)	(pluriel)	How many hours do children spend in front of a TV set ?
COÛT	HOW MUCH is it / does it cost ?		How much did the U.S. purchase Alaska for ?
ÂGE	HOW OLD + BE + SUJET ?		How old is the Queen's eldest son ?
DISTANCE SPATIALE / MÉTAPHORIQUE	HOW FAR...		How far is New York from the Hemisphere ?
			How far has science taken us ? How much further might it go ?
DIMENSIONS	HOW LONG/HIGH/WIDE/BROAD/ DEEP...		How high is Mount Everest ? How deep is the Channel ?
CAUSE / VISÉE / SIGNIFICATION	WHY... / WHAT... FOR ? / WHAT... ABOUT ?		What is the USA fighting for in Syria ? What is it all about ?

TOURNURES IDIOMATIQUES

How ABOUT V-ING... ? → suggestion = *Et si l'on V-ait ? / Que dirais-tu (que diriez-vous) de V ?* How about rethinking what failure means ?

How come... ? → demande d'explication (struct. invariable, reg. familière) = *Comment se fait-il que... ?* How come the sky is blue during the day and black at night ?