


## 5-10e Structure 5.5

### Asking questions *L'interrogatif*

#### Yes/No questions

You are already familiar with two basic ways to ask questions in French:

- By using rising intonation.  
• Tu parles français?  You speak French?
- By adding **est-ce que/qu'** to a sentence.

**Est-ce que** tu parles français? *Do you speak French?*

There are two other common ways of asking yes/no questions.

- By adding the tag question **n'est-ce pas** or **non** at the end of the sentence and using rising intonation.

Tu parles français,                      *You speak French, don't you?*  
**n'est-ce pas?**

- By using inversion, in which the normal position of the subject and the verb is reversed.

Tu parles français. → **Parles-tu** français? *Do you speak French?*

When inverting **il**, **elle**, or **on** with a verb that does not end in **d** or **t**, add **-t-** between the verb and the subject.

Joue-**t**-elle de la guitare? Va-**t**-on au café?

#### Information questions

The following question words are used to request information.

<b>quel(le)(s)</b>	<i>which, what</i>	Quel film voulez-vous voir?	<i>What film do you want to see?</i>
<b>pourquoi</b>	<i>why</i>	Pourquoi partez-vous?	<i>Why are you leaving?</i>
<b>où</b>	<i>where</i>	Où est le Café de Flore?	<i>Where is the Café de Flore?</i>
<b>d'où</b>	<i>from where</i>	D'où êtes-vous?	<i>Where are you from?</i>
<b>quand</b>	<i>when</i>	Quand est-ce que tu rentres chez toi?	<i>When are you going home?</i>
<b>qu'est-ce que</b>	<i>what</i>	Qu'est-ce qu'on fait maintenant?	<i>What do we do now?</i>
<b>que/qu'</b>	<i>what</i>	Que prends-tu?	<i>What are you having to drink / to eat?</i>
<b>comment</b>	<i>how</i>	Comment ça va?	<i>How are you?</i>
<b>qui</b>	<i>who</i>	Qui est-ce?	<i>Who is it?</i>
<b>combien</b>	<i>how much</i>	C'est combien?	<i>How much is it?</i>
<b>combien de/d'</b>	<i>how much / many</i>	Combien de croissants voulez-vous?	<i>How many croissants do you want?</i>