



Spanish Interrogatives

List of Spanish Question Words

- What? - ¿Qué?
- When? - ¿Cuándo?
- Where? - ¿Dónde?
- Where...from? - ¿De dónde?
- Which? - ¿Cuál?
- Which ones? - ¿Cuales?
- Why? - ¿Por qué?
- Who? (one person) - ¿Quién?
- Who? (more than one person) - ¿Quiénes?
- To whom? - ¿A quién? / ¿A quienes? - for more than one person
- With whom?- ¿Con quién? - ¿Con quienes?
- Whose? - ¿De quién?
- How? - ¿Cómo?
- How much? - ¿Cuánto (for masculine) / ¿Cuánto (for feminine)
- How many? - ¿Cuántos (for masculine) / ¿Cuántas? (for feminine)
- How many times? - ¿Cuántas veces?
- How often? - ¿Cada cuándo?



Intonation when asking a question in Spanish

While in English, most of the questions have a rising intonation at the end of a question, we don't raise the pitch of our voice at the end of a question in Spanish. Instead, you ask interrogative words in a higher-pitched voice and drop your pitch for the rest of the question.

Spanish question punctuation marks

Another thing that you should bear in mind when writing a question in Spanish is that you need to add an upside-down question mark (¿) at the beginning of a sentence if you want to add a question mark (?) at the end.

For example: How do you know my name? ¿Cómo sabes tú mi nombre?

Asking questions without interrogative words or question words in Spanish

As in English, you can ask a question without using any question word. You just need to say a statement with a rising pitch of your voice at the end of the question.

And just like in English, in Spanish, the order of the subject and verb are switched when you convert a statement to a question as shown in the form below. Though, either way is fine

¿Complete verb(s) + subject + object?

Examples:

Mary and John finish first - María y Juan terminan primero

Do Mary and John finish first? - ¿Terminan María y Juan primero?

You know how to get there - Tú sabes como llegar ahí.

Do you know how to get there? - ¿Tú sabes cómo llegar ahí?

Another useful Spanish question words

- Right? - ¿verdad? / ¿no?

Remember to raise the pitch of your voice when saying them.

Example: You're going to take the garbage out, right? - Vas a sacar la basura, ¿verdad?

