

Asking Questions About a Holiday Rental

B1 Comment poser des questions pour en savoir plus sur une location de maison

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1 La règle d'or des questions

En anglais, pour poser une question, on place **l'auxiliaire (ou le verbe *be*) avant le sujet**. Le mot interrogatif (*where, when, how...*) se met tout au début.

(**Mot interrogatif**) + **auxiliaire / be** + **sujet** + verbe + ... ?

Affirmation	Question
<i>The house is quiet.</i>	Is the house quiet?
<i>We can bring our dog.</i>	Can we bring our dog?
<i>The cleaner comes on Monday.</i>	When does the cleaner come?

Attention

Pas d'auxiliaire dans la phrase ? On ajoute *do / does / did*, et le verbe revient à la base verbale : ~~When comes the cleaner?~~ → **When does the cleaner come?**

2 Is there...? / Are there...?

On l'utilise pour demander **si quelque chose existe** dans la maison ou à proximité (= *Y a-t-il... ?*).

Is there + a / an / any + nom singulier (ou indénombrable) ?
Are there + any + nom pluriel ?

Is there...? (singulier / indénombrable)	Are there...? (pluriel)
<i>Is there a swimming pool?</i>	<i>Are there any mosquito nets?</i>
<i>Is there air conditioning?</i>	<i>Are there any shops nearby?</i>
<i>Is there a charging point for electric cars?</i>	<i>Are there any steps to the terrace?</i>
<i>Is there any parking?</i>	<i>Are there any neighbours close to the house?</i>
<i>Is there Wi-Fi in the garden?</i>	<i>Are there towels for the pool?</i>

Réponses courtes

- *Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.*
- *Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.*

Pour aller plus loin

- **How many** *bathrooms* **are there?**
- **Is there anything** *to do in the village?*
- **Was there** *a problem with the heating last year?* (au passé)

Erreur fréquente

~~Is there any towels?~~ → **Are there any towels?** (*towels* est au pluriel)

3 Is it...? / Is the...?

On utilise *be* pour demander une **caractéristique** (adjectif), un **lieu**, ou si quelque chose est **inclus** / **autorisé** (passif).

Is / Are + sujet + adjectif / lieu / participe passé ?

Usage	Exemples
Caractéristique	<i>Is the house quiet? · Is the pool safe for children? · Are the beds comfortable?</i>
Localisation	<i>Is it far from the beach? · Is the house near the village?</i>
Passif : inclus ?	<i>Is cleaning included? · Are sheets and towels included in the price?</i>
Passif : autorisé ?	<i>Are pets allowed? · Is smoking allowed on the terrace?</i>
Passif : état	<i>Is the pool heated? · Is the garden fenced?</i>
Adaptation	<i>Is the house suitable for elderly people? · Is it suitable for a seminar?</i>

Réponses courtes

Yes, it is. / No, it isn't. — Yes, they are. / No, they aren't.

Astuce

Is it included? et *Is it allowed?* sont indispensables pour éviter les mauvaises surprises : ménage, draps, animaux, fêtes, électricité, taxe de séjour...

4 Has it got...? / Does it have...?

Pour demander ce que **possède** la maison (équipements, pièces). Les deux formes sont correctes :

Has it got...? (anglais britannique, oral)	Does it have...? (anglais américain, et partout)
<i>Has the house got a garage?</i>	<i>Does the house have a garage?</i>
<i>Has it got a dishwasher?</i>	<i>Does it have a dishwasher?</i>
<i>Have the bedrooms got air conditioning?</i>	<i>Do the bedrooms have air conditioning?</i>
<i>Has the kitchen got a coffee machine?</i>	<i>Does the kitchen have a coffee machine?</i>

Réponses courtes

Has it got...?	Does it have...?
Yes, it has. / No, it hasn't.	Yes, it does. / No, it doesn't.

Ne pas mélanger

~~Has it a garage?~~ (vieilli) · ~~Does it has a garage?~~ · ~~Does it got a garage?~~

→ **Has it got a garage?** ou **Does it have a garage?**

Is there ou Has it got ?

Le sens est souvent le même : *Is there a pool?* = *Has the house got a pool?* On utilise *Has it got* quand le sujet (la maison, la chambre) est clair.

5 When...? / What time...?

When demande **un moment** (jour, date, période). *What time* demande **une heure précise**.

When + auxiliaire / be + sujet + verbe ?

When...?	What time...?
<i>When is the house available?</i>	<i>What time is check-in?</i>
<i>When does the pool man come?</i>	<i>What time do we have to leave?</i>
<i>When do we have to pay the deposit?</i>	<i>What time does the market open?</i>
<i>When will you give us back the deposit?</i>	<i>What time can we arrive?</i>
<i>When is the pool open?</i>	<i>What time does the cleaner come?</i>

Aussi utile

How long before arrival can we cancel? · *Until when is the pool heated?* · *From when is the house free?*

6 What...?

What demande **une information, une chose**. Il peut être suivi d'un nom (*What size, What time...*).

Structure	Exemples
What + be	<i>What is the minimum stay? · What's the Wi-Fi password? · What are the house rules?</i>
What + do / does	<i>What does the price include? · What do we do with the rubbish?</i>
What + modal	<i>What can we do in the area? · What should we bring?</i>
What + nom	<i>What size are the beds? · What floor is the bedroom on?</i>
What + préposition finale	<i>What is the house made of? · What is the terrace built from?</i>
What about...? (et pour... ?)	<i>What about parking? · What about the neighbours?</i>
What happens if...?	<i>What happens if we break something? · What happens if we cancel?</i>

Question sujet

Quand *what* est le sujet, pas de *do* : **What happens if we arrive late?** (~~What does happen...~~)

7 Where...?

Where demande **un lieu**.

where + be / auxiliaire / modal + sujet (+ verbe) ?

- *Where **is** the house exactly?*
- *Where **is** the nearest supermarket?*
- *Where **are** the pool towels?*
- *Where **can** we park the car?*
- *Where **do** we leave the keys when we go?*
- *Where **can** I charge my electric car?*
- *Where **is** the fuse box? (le tableau électrique)*

Erreur fréquente

~~Where the supermarket is?~~ / ~~Where is the supermarket is?~~ → **Where is the supermarket?**

8 How...?

How seul demande **la manière** (comment ?).

- How **does** the air conditioning work?
- How **do** we get to the house from the airport?
- How **can** we pay?
- How **do** I open the electric gate?
- How **do** we get the keys?
- How **is** the neighbourhood? (= comment est le quartier ?)

9 How + adjectif / adverbe / quantité

On combine *how* avec un adjectif ou un adverbe pour demander **une mesure, une distance, une durée, une fréquence, un prix...**

How + adjectif / adverbe + be / auxiliaire + sujet ?

How + adjectif

Expression	Sens	Exemple
How big	taille	<i>How big is the house?</i>
How far	distance	<i>How far is the beach?</i>
How deep	profondeur	<i>How deep is the pool?</i>
How old	âge	<i>How old is the house?</i>
How long	longueur / durée	<i>How long is the pool? · How long is the minimum stay?</i>
How warm	température	<i>How warm is the water?</i>
How fast	vitesse	<i>How fast is the internet?</i>

How + adverbe

Expression	Sens	Exemple
How often	fréquence	<i>How often is the house cleaned?</i>
How early	tôt	<i>How early can we arrive?</i>
How late	tard	<i>How late can we check out?</i>
How soon	dans combien de temps	<i>How soon will you confirm the booking?</i>
How quickly	rapidité	<i>How quickly does the car charge?</i>

How + quantité

Expression	Avec	Exemple
How many	nom pluriel dénombrable	<i>How many bedrooms are there? · How many people can sleep in the house?</i>
How much	nom indénombrable / prix	<i>How much space is there for cars? · How much is it per night? · How much does it cost?</i>

Erreur fréquente

~~How much bedrooms are there?~~ → **How many bedrooms are there?**

~~How many costs the house?~~ → **How much does the house cost?**

10 What kind of...?

What kind of (= *quel genre de, quel type de*) demande **une précision sur la nature** d'une chose. Synonymes : *What type of...?* / *What sort of...?*

What kind of + nom + auxiliaire / be + sujet (+ verbe) ?

- *What kind of heating **is there**?*
- *What kind of beds **are there** in the bedrooms?*
- *What kind of kitchen **does** the house **have**?*
- *What kind of pool **is it**? Salt water or chlorine?*
- *What kind of plug **does** the charging point **use**?*
- *What kind of activities **can** we **do** nearby?*
- *What kind of people **live** in the neighbourhood?* (question sujet : pas de *do*)

Erreur fréquente

~~What kind of heating it has?~~ → **What kind of heating does it have?**

11 Bonus : les questions polies

Pour être plus poli (au téléphone, par e-mail), on commence par une formule.

Attention : dans la 2^e partie, on reprend l'ordre normal de la phrase (sujet + verbe).

Question directe	Question polie
<i>Where is the nearest hospital?</i>	<i>Could you tell me where the nearest hospital is?</i>
<i>Is the pool heated?</i>	<i>Do you know if the pool is heated?</i>
<i>When does the cleaner come?</i>	<i>Can you tell me when the cleaner comes?</i>
<i>Can we bring our dog?</i>	<i>Would it be possible to bring our dog?</i>
<i>Can we use the house for a seminar?</i>	<i>Could we use the house for a seminar?</i>