

HOW TO WRITE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN SPANISH

QUESTION WORDS	
Who	quién(es)
When	cuándo
Which	cuál(es)
Why	por qué
What	qué
How	cómo
How much	cuánto
Where	dónde
Whose	quién(es)
Question	pregunta

VERBS – VERBOS	
SPANISH	ENGLISH
Beber	To drink
Cocinar	To cook
Comprar	To buy
Costar	Cost
Desear	To wish
Estar	To be
Ir	To go
Llevar	To take
Querer	To want
Tener	To have
Valer	To cost/ to worth
Vender	To sell

COMPLEMENTS - COMPLEMENTOS	
Examples of words to use as complements	Un kilo de tomate, una libra de arroz, salsa de tomate, naranjas, manzanas, frutas, una libra de carne...etc... The complement is any extra information that you want to add. It is not compulsory to use it, but sometimes is necessary to make sense.

PART 1

EN EL SUPERMERCADO/ EN EL RESTAURANTE (or in any other context where these type of questions fit)

OPEN QUESTIONS (just follow the formula)

This is a formula to ask open questions at the supermarket or in a restaurant. Remember that when you use question words to make a question, that is an open question. Therefore, you expect an open answer. That means a long answer

1	2	3	4	5
¿	+	QUESTION WORD	+	DESEAR + VERBO + ?
		QUERER		LLEVAR COMER BEBER COMPRAR

EJEMPLOS-EXAMPLES:

1	2	3	4	5
¿	QUÉ	DESEA	COMPRAR	?
WHAT DO YOU WISH TO BUY?				

¿Qué quiere comprar?	WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BUY?
¿Qué desea beber?	WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DRINK?
¿Qué desea comer?	WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT?
¿Qué quiere llevar?	WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TAKE?

NOW... Look at how to respond to the questions above:

FORMULA



1	2	3	4
PRONOUN +	DESEAR	+ LLEVAR	+ COMPLEMENT
	QUERER	COMER	
		BEBER	
		COMPRAR	

1 Yo **2** deseo **3** comprar **4** un kilo de tomates
(I WANT TO TAKE A KILO OF TOMATOES)

Yo quiero comprar una hamburguesa
(I WANT TO BUY A HAMBURGUER)

Yo deseo beber agua con gas
(I WANT TO DRINK SPARKLING WATER)

Yo deseo comer bistec con papas fritas
(I WANT TO EAT STEAK WITH FRIES)

Yo quiero llevar un kilo de manzanas
(I WANT TO TAKE A KILO OF APPLES)

DESEAR (TO WISH)

YO =	DESEO	(I WISH)
TU =	DESEAS	(YOU WISH)
EL/ ELLA/USTED =	DESEA	(HE/SHE/YOU WISH)
NOSOTROS/NOSOTRAS =	DESEAMOS	(WE WISH)
ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES =	DESEAN	(THEY WISH)

QUERER (TO WANT)

YO =	QUIERO	(I WANT)
TU =	QUIERES	(YOU WANT)
EL/ ELLA/USTED =	QUIERE	(HE/SHE/YOU WANT)
NOSOTROS/NOSOTRAS =	QUEREMOS	(WE WANT)
ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES =	QUIEREN	(THEY WANT)

BEBER (TO DRINK)

YO =	BEBO	(I DRINK)
TU =	BEBES	(YOU DRINK)
EL/ ELLA/USTED =	BEBE	(HE/SHE/YOU DRINK)
NOSOTROS/NOSTRAS =	BEBEMOS	(WE DRINK)
ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES =	BEBEN	(THEY DRINK)

PEONOUNS-PRONOMBRES

YO =	I
TU =	YOU (INFORMAL)
EL/ ELLA/USTED =	HE/SHE/YOU (FORMAL SING)
NOSOTROS/NOSOTRAS =	WE (BOYS)/ WE (GIRLS)
ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES =	THEY (BOYS) THEY (GIRLS)

PART 2

EN EL SUPERMERCADO/ EN EL RESTAURANTE (or in any other context where these type of questions fit)

CLOSED QUESTIONS: (just follow the formulas)

Remember! These are questions with YES or NO answers



FORMULA TYPE-1

1	2	3	4
¿	+	VERB	+ COMPLEMENT + ?

EJEMPLOS-EXAMPLES

¿Desea beber agua?	Si, gracias	DO YOU WISH TO DRINK WATER?
¿Quiere almorzar ahora?	No, gracias	DO YOU WANT TO HAVE LUNCH NOW?
¿Desea el menú vegetariano?	Si, por favor	DO YOU WANT THE VEGETARIAN MENU?
¿Desea la carta de vinos?	Si, por favor	DO YOU WISH THE WINE MENU/LIST?

FORMULA TYPE-2

1	2	3	4	5
¿	+	PRONOUN	+	VERB + COMPLEMENT + ?
		NOUN NAME		

EJEMPLOS-EXAMPLES

¿El señor quiere comprar carne?	DOES THE MAN WANT TO BUY MEAT?
¿El joven desea llevar peras?	DOES THE YOUNG MAN WANT TO TAKE PEARS?
¿Ana, quieres el menú vegano?	ANA, DO YOU WANT THE VEGAN MENU?
¿El niño desea un helado?	DOES THE CHILD WANT AN ICE CREAM?

NOUN-EXAMPLES

La señora
El señor
El caballero
El joven
La señorita
La dama
La niña
El niño

NAME-EXAMPLES

Lola
Carmen
Don Roberto
Doña Carla
Ana