

# Est-ce que ou qu'est-ce que?

## Lesson and exercise

“**Qu'est-ce que**” and “**Est-ce que**” are regularly used in French to ask questions. They look and sound similar, but they are actually quite different..

**Qu'est-ce que** is a French way to start a question. Literally, it's built with three French words:

**Que + est + ce** → “What + is + it/that?...”

As a French question, it's a longer way to ask: “What... ?”

This is an open type of question and many different response will be provided

“**Est-ce que...**” is another French way to ask a question. But, while “**Qu'est-ce que**” asks for “What...?”, “**Est-ce que...**” (= “Is it that... ?” literally) asks “Is it true that... ?.”

It's an easy way to announce that you're asking a “Yes / No” question.

exemples:

You can create 2 types of questions from one simple statement, one will be a yes or no question and the other one will be an open question that will provide different answers,

**Tu manges**= you eat

**Q1. Est-ce que tu manges?**

Are you eating

**A1. non, je ne manges pas/ oui, je mange**

no, i'm not eating/ yes, i'm eating

**Q2. Qu'est-ce que tu manges?**

**A.2 Je mange une pomme/ je mange un sandwich etc.**

I eat an apple

I eat a sandwich etc.

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**Exercises:** Transform the following sentences into closed questions(yes/no) and open ended questions. Write a possible answer as well for each type of question.

**1. Tu regardes (watch)**

Q1. \_\_\_\_\_

A.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. \_\_\_\_\_

A.2 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Tu bois (drink)**

Q1. \_\_\_\_\_

A.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. \_\_\_\_\_

A.2 \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Tu écoutes (listen)**

Q1. \_\_\_\_\_

A.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. \_\_\_\_\_

A.2 \_\_\_\_\_

**4 , Tu cuisines (cook)**

Q1. \_\_\_\_\_

A.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. \_\_\_\_\_

A.2 \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Tu penses (think)**

Q1. \_\_\_\_\_

A.1 \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. \_\_\_\_\_

A.2 \_\_\_\_\_