

## Asking Questions

### I. Information Questions

- A. Add one of the following **interrogative** words at the beginning of the sentence. MEMORIZE THESE.

quis - who (only as the subject and only in the singular)  
quid - what (only in the singular and only as subject or direct object)  
ubi - when  
ubi - where  
quo - where to  
unde - from where, whence  
cur - why  
quo modo - how  
quot - how many  
qualis - what sort of ... (only in the nominative singular with a masculine or feminine word)  
quocum – with whom  
quibuscum – with whom

- B. This is a more complete list of the options. Use these when needed in class. You do not need to memorize these unless they are in the list from section A above.

Singular	Plural
Nom. quis - who	Nom. qui - who
Gen. cuius -whose	Gen. quorum / quarum - whose
Dat. cui - to/for whom	Dat. quibus - to/for whom
Acc. quem - whom	Acc. quos / quas - whom
Abl. quo - whom	Abl. quibus - whom
Nom. / Acc - quid - what	Abl. quibuscum - with whom
Abl - quocum - with whom	

### II. Questions that can be answered “yes” or “no”

- A. Add the letters **-ne** to the **end of the first word in a sentence**.

This turns the sentence into a question

ex: *Puella est in villā* – *The girl is in the house.*  
*Estne puella in villā* – *Is the girl in the house?*

Notice the verb has moved so that it is first in the sentence. This is not necessary, but it is common, especially with forms of *sum*.

- B. If the speaker is expecting the answer to the question to be “**NO**” then the Latin word **num** is placed first in the sentence.

ex: *Num est puella in villā* - *The girl isn't in the house, is she? or*  
*The girl is in the house? (this needs intonation in English)*

NOTA BENE: The answer does not have to be “no”, but the speaker is expecting it.

- C. If the speaker is expecting the answer to the question to be “**YES**” then the Latin word **nonne** is placed first in the sentence.

ex: *Nonne est puella in villā* - *The girl is in the house, isn't she? or*  
*Isn't the girl in the house?*

NOTA BENE: The answer does not have to be “yes”, but the speaker is expecting it.