

## 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
		Abl.	quibuscum - with whom
Nom. / Acc	- quid - what		
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.