

Asking with Elegance: The 'Do You Have' Hierarchy

Struggling to find the right balance between being too casual and overly stiff when asking for something?

The Everyday Essential

Est-ce que vous avez...?

The go-to for standard Yes/No questions. It ensures you never sound too casual nor too formal.

e.g., asking for herbal tea.



The Sophisticated Inversion

Avez-vous...?

Invert the subject and verb to instantly sound more elegant and sophisticated.

e.g., asking for tomato juice.



The 'Velvet Glove' Conditional

Auriez-vous...?

Use the conditional tense ('Would you have...') when you need to be extra polite or are asking for a favor.

e.g., asking for a free table.



Practice Challenge: Match the Moment

Connect the social scenario on the left with the socially appropriate French phrase on the right.



1. Chatting with a close friend or child.



2. Asking a clerk at a ticket counter.



3. Asking for a table at a busy high-end bistro.

Avez-vous...?

Auriez-vous...?

As-tu...?