

# Asking Questions In PORTUGUÊS

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Fazer Perguntas em Português



# Como?

How?

- **Como** fazem isso?  
**How** do they do it?
- **Como** estás? (inf.)
- **Como** está? (for.)  
**How** are you?



O quê?

What?

- Estás a fazer **o quê**?  
**What** are you doing?
- **O que** é aquilo?  
**What** is that?

## PRO TIP:

When **que** appears at the end of a question, we have to add the accent mark (ê).



# Quem?

Who?

- **Quem** é ele?  
**Who** is he?
- **Quem** disse isso?  
**Who** said that?

<https://youtu.be/aP6orw0M-bY?t=73>

**Quem** és tu miúda?

**Who** are you girl?

# Quanto?

How much?

- **Quanto** custa?  
**How much** does it cost?
- **Quantos** anos tens?  
**How** old are you?  
(lit. **How many** years do you have?)
- **Quantas** palavras tu sabes?  
**How many** words do you know?



# Onde?

Where?

- **Onde** estão as chaves?  
**Where** are the keys?
- De **onde** és?  
**Where** are you from?

# Let us review!

Onde é que moras? (Where do you live?)

Quantas batatas tu tens? (How many potatoes do you have?)

Quanto custam as laranjas? (How much do the oranges cost?)  
(Idiomatic alternative: *A como* está as laranjas?)

Quem é aquele? (Who is that?)

O que fazes na vida? (What do you do for a living?)

Como vou para a baixa? (How do I go downtown?)

# Qual?

Which?

Which (one)?

- **Qual** queres?  
**Which** (one) do you want?

- **Qual** é o melhor?  
**Which** (one) is the best?

Plural: Quais

**Quais** preferes?

**Which** (ones) do you prefer?

# PRO TIP:

Many times **qual** is translated to "what" in the English language. Thus, it cannot be considered as a perfect relative of the pronoun "which".

e.g. Qual é o teu nome? - What is your name? (lit. Which is your name?)

# De quem?

Whose?

- We use "**de quem?**" to find out which person something belongs to!

- **De quem** é este carro?

**Whose** car is this?

- **De quem** é esta sanduíche/sandes?

**Whose** sandwich is this?

<https://youtu.be/2Hm692FACmM?t=57>

"**De quem** eu gosto nem às paredes confesso"

The one I love, I don't confess it, not even to the walls



# Porquê?

Why?

- **Porque** dizes isso?  
**Why** do you say that?
- **Porque** estás triste?  
**Why** are you sad?
- **Porque** não vens comigo?  
**Why** don't you come with me?



# Quando?

When?

- **Quando** chegaste?  
**When** did you arrive?
- Vais comer **quando**?  
**When** will you eat?

# This is review time!

Porque é que estás a aprender português? (Why are you learning Portuguese?)

Quando vieste para Portugal? (When did you come to Portugal?)

De quem é esta ronda? (Whose round is this?)

Porque ficas em casa? (Why do you stay at home?)

Qual é a tua morada? (What is your address? *Lit. Which is your address?*)

# When should I use “**é que**” in European Portuguese Questions?

- These pair of words is *technically* optional (the meaning stays the same with or without it);
- Still, including **é que** when asking questions is so common that, generally speaking, you should do it;
- There are not consistent rules for when it can be left out.

# Exemplos:

- **Como é que** te chamas?

What's your name? (Lit.: What **is it that** you call yourself?)

- **Quando é que** estás livre?

When are you free? (Lit.: When **is it that** you are free?)

- **Qual é que é** o teu gelado favorito?

What is your favorite ice cream? (Lit.: Which (one) is it you favorite ice cream?)