

¿Qué? ¿Cómo? / Un café, una cerveza

Asking questions and ordering something

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

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Questions: marks and meaning

Write **both question marks** around a Spanish question: **¿Tienes hambre?** No English-style do/does is added. The normal subject omission still applies. A question can be a short choice: **¿Café o té?**

USEFUL QUESTION WORDS

Question word	Question	Meaning
quién	¿Quién es?	who is it?
dónde	¿Dónde está?	where is it?
cómo	¿Cómo te llamas?	what is your name?
qué	¿Qué tal?	how is it going?

These **question words have written accents** in questions. Keep them even when the question is spoken casually. **¿Cómo lo sabes?** asks how someone knows; learn it as the complete phrase from the scene.

Ask for one: un or una

Un goes before a masculine singular noun; **una** before a feminine singular noun. Compare **el café** and **un café**, or **la cerveza** and **una cerveza**. A coffee is masculine because **café** is masculine, regardless of who orders it.

AN ORDER

Known noun	One / a	Meaning
el café	un café	a coffee
el zumo	un zumo	a juice
la cerveza	una cerveza	a beer
la llave	una llave	a key

Articles do not change just because a noun is an object. El bizcocho es bueno and **Quiero el bizcocho** both use **el**. A natural café order is simply **Un café, por favor**. There is no need to invent a more complicated sentence.

Give a short reaction

Me gusta means I like it here. **Me gusta el bizcocho** names what you like; **me gusta mucho** means I like it a lot. These are scene phrases for now. **¡Que aproveche!** is a set meal-time wish; this **que** is **not** the question word **qué**.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE QUESTION WORD**

Underline the accented question word.

Meaning: Where is the café?

- 1 ¿ Dónde está la cafetería?

Meaning: What is your name?

- 2 ¿ Cómo te llamas?

Meaning: Who is Clara?

- 3 ¿ Quién es Clara?

G2) CHOOSE THE ARTICLE

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: A coffee, please.

- 1 _____ **café, por favor.**

- (A) La
(B) Un
(C) Una

Meaning: A beer, please.

2 _____ **cerveza, por favor.**

- ☐ A Una
- ☐ B El
- ☐ C Un

Meaning: I have a key.

3 **Tengo** _____ **llave.**

- ☐ A el
- ☐ B una
- ☐ C un

Meaning: I want a juice.

4 **Quiero** _____ **zum.**

- ☐ A una
- ☐ B un
- ☐ C la

G3) WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: Where is my key?

Quién Dónde

¿_____ está mi llave?

Meaning: Who is the new neighbour?

Dónde Quién

¿_____ es la nueva vecina?

Meaning: What is your name?

Dónde Cómo

¿_____ te llamas?

G4) BUILD A USEFUL QUESTION OR ORDER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: Do you have my key?

- 1 llave? mi ¿Tienes
-

Meaning: Where is the café?

- 2 está cafetería? ¿Dónde la
-

Meaning: A beer, please.

- 3 Una cerveza, por favor.
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G5) AT THE COUNTER

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 You are at Clara's café. You want one coffee. You say:**
 - ☐ A Un café, por favor.
 - ☐ B De nada.
 - ☐ C ¿Dónde está la llave?

- 2 You want to find the café; you already know who Clara is. You say:**
 - ☐ A ¿Dónde está la cafetería?
 - ☐ B ¿Cómo te llamas?
 - ☐ C ¿Quién es Clara?