

How to Ask Questions in Traditional Chinese

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Word	Pinyin	Meaning	Example	Translation
什麼	shénme	what	這是什麼？	What is this?
誰	shéi	who	你是誰？	Who are you?
哪	nǎ	which	你要哪一個？	Which one do you want?
哪裡	nǎlǐ	where	你在哪裡？	Where are you?
哪兒	nǎr	where (Northern)	上哪兒去？	Where are you going?
什麼時候	shénme shíhou	when	什麼時候來？	When are you coming?
為什麼	wèishénme	why	為什麼不來？	Why aren't you coming?
怎麼	zěnmē	how	怎麼做？	How do you do it?
怎麼樣	zěnmeyàng	how about	這個怎麼樣？	How about this one?
多少	duōshǎo	how many/much	多少錢？	How much money?
幾	jǐ	how many (small)	幾個人？	How many people?
多長	duō cháng	how long	多長時間？	How long?
多遠	duō yuǎn	how far	多遠？	How far?
多大	duō dà	how big/old	你多大？	How old are you?
多高	duō gāo	how tall	你多高？	How tall are you?
是不是	shì bu shì	is it or not	是不是？	Is that right?
對不對	duì bu duì	correct or not	對不對？	Is that correct?
有沒有	yǒu méi yǒu	have or not	有沒有時間？	Do you have time?
要不要	yào bu yào	want or not	要不要吃？	Do you want to eat?
可不可以	kě bu kěyǐ	may or not	可不可以？	May I?
會不會	huì bu huì	can or not (skill)	會不會說中文？	Can you speak Chinese?
能不能	néng bu néng	can or not (ability)	能不能幫我？	Can you help me?
好不好	hǎo bu hǎo	OK or not	好不好？	Is that OK?
行不行	xíng bu xíng	work or not	這樣行不行？	Will this work?
幹什麼	gàn shénme	what (doing)	你在幹什麼？	What are you doing?
哪位	nǎ wèi	which person (polite)	請問哪位？	May I ask who?

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哪些	nǎxiē	which (plural)	哪些要？	Which ones do you want?
哪種	nǎ zhǒng	which kind	哪種比較好？	Which kind is better?
哪裡人	nǎlǐ rén	where from	你是哪裡人？	Where are you from?