

## BEGINNER1. LESSON #34. A L'HÔPITAL2

- Mme Ducrou, rappelez-moi... à quoi êtes-vous allergique ?
- Noix, noisette, pomme, poire et banane.
- Vous prenez vos médicaments.
- Oui. Tous les jours.
  
- M. Roux, à quoi êtes-vous allergique ?
- Je suis allergique au latex.
- Exact. Vous prenez vos médicaments tous les jours ?
- Oui. Trois fois par jour.

### TRANSLATION

- Mme Ducrou, remind me... what are you allergic to ?
- Nut, hazelnut, apple, pear and banana.
- Do you take your medicine ?
- Yes. Every day.
  
- M. Roux, what are you allergic to ?
- I'm allergic to latex.
- Exactly. Do you take your medicine every day ?
- Yes. Three times a day.



Rappeler : to remind.  
Noix (fém.) : nut.  
Noisette (fém.): hazelnut.  
Poire (fém.): pear.  
Médicament (masc.) : medicine, drug.  
Jour (masc.) : day.  
Latex (masc.) : latex.  
Fois : times.



Let's work today on interrogative sentences.

We have in this lesson two sorts of questions :

- The one with the inversion :  
*à quoi êtes-vous allergique ?*
- The more familiar one with just an interrogation mark  
*Vous prenez vos médicaments tous les jours ?*

We could have said : *Vous êtes allergique à quoi ?* and *Prenez-vous vos médicaments tous les jours ?*

Both would have been correct.

What's new here is that Jean use an interrogative word to ask his question : **quoi** which is the same as *what* in English.

And he used before *quoi* the preposition *à* because in French we say we are *allergique à quelque chose*. Not a problem for you at all : it's the same in English when we say we're allergic to.

But notice that in French we never separate the preposition and the interrogative word.

*A quoi êtes-vous allergique ?*

**Attention !**

*Quoi* is the form we use after prepositions. When there are no preposition, we use another way to say *what*. We'll meet him soon.



Translate in French :

1. Who are you ?
2. I want oranges, pears and nuts.
3. I eat three times a day.

Translate in English :

1. A quoi es-tu allergique ?
2. Tu vois quoi ? (que vois-tu ?)
3. Qui prend ses médicaments ?