NOTES

I. Making Questions with Est-ce que

The phrase ***est-ce que*** starts off a question in French. It replaces the helping verb that we would put there in English: ***Do, Does, Is, Are, Am***……?

Do you like chocolate?

Est-ce que tu aimes le chocolat.

Does Bob play tennis?

Est-ce que Bob joue au tennis?

Is she studying?

Est-ce qu’elle étudie?

Am I playing piano well?

Est-ce que je joue bien du piano?

Are you all listening?

Est-ce que vous écoutez?

When you make a question with Est-ce que, you MUST place the words in this order:

Est-ce que + subject + conjugated verb….?

Notice how the questions I used as examples above, all follow that order.

II. Structuring sentences with adverbs\* in them

Whenever you make a sentence with an adverb *(\*well, poorly, everyday, always, also, etc.)* in it, the words don’t go in exactly the order that they do in English. Here’s how they have to go:

S + V + Adverb + Object

• thing you post

• text you “exchange”

• etc.

• instrument

• game

• place

• sport

• language

• food item

EX: Elle joue **bien** de la guitare.

 Je parle **souvent** français.

 Est-ce que vous visitez **aussi** Paris?