

## Re: Question words and word order

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>>>> "ranjit" == [ranjit mathews@yahoo.com](mailto:ranjit_mathews@yahoo.com) <[ranjit\\_mathews@yahoo.com](mailto:ranjit_mathews@yahoo.com)> writes:

ranjit> John Swindle wrote:

>> *Esperanto is billed as regular and easy to learn and as having  
>> only sixteen rules. Speakers of European languages certainly  
>> seem to find it easy to learn. But besides rules, Esperanto  
>> also has customary usages, and these take longer to discover.*

ranjit> I know about its regularity but how expressive is  
ranjit> Esperanto? Can one distinguish between "come" and "do  
ranjit> come" and between "be prepared" and "get prepared"? Can  
ranjit> one express sayings/ phrases like "be all you can be" and  
ranjit> "every fibre of my being"? Can one express all meanings  
ranjit> of double entendres like "get lost" and "beat it"? Can  
ranjit> one capture the essence of idioms like "come on", "come to  
ranjit> think of it" and "coming to that"? Can one say "the whole  
ranjit> hog", "the extra mile" and "the midnight oil" in  
ranjit> Esperanto?

Can one say in English what we Cantonese say [k@m22 lip5] and [tsE51]?

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