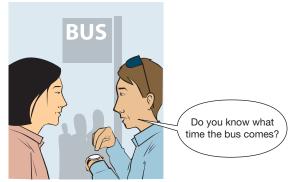
Life

Intermediate Unit 1b(2)

Question forms: indirect questions









Presentation

You can ask questions in a more polite and less direct way by introducing them with certain expressions.

Does the museum have a café? \rightarrow Could you tell me if the museum has a café?

Common expressions include:

- Could you / anyone tell me ...?
- *Do you know / remember / think ...?*
- Do you mind if ...?
- Would you mind telling me ...?
- I wonder ... / I was wondering ...

After the expressions, you can use ...

- wh-/how questions:
 Do you know what time the bus comes?
 Do you know how old it is?
- if/whether with yes/no questions:
 Could you tell me if the museum has a café?
 I was wondering whether I could have a look at your programme.

Word order

When you ask questions in this way, the word order is the same as an affirmative sentence. You do not need an auxiliary verb (*do*, *does*, *did*) in the present simple or past simple. The subject comes before the verb.

Do you know what time does the bus comes.

- You often start a conversation by asking the question indirectly and then continue with direct questions:
 - A: Excuse me, could you tell me if the museum has a café?
 - B: Yes. It's downstairs.
 - A: Oh, thanks. What time does it close?

Exercises

Р	ut the words in the correct order.		
1	the you tell could station is me train where		
2	do film you the when starts know it's closing could why you tell me early the long journey you remember do how takes can how tell you are me old you		
3			
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6	Joel don't whether is I coming know too		
R	ewrite the direct questions as indirect quest		
1	When does the supermarket close? Could you tell me when the supermarket closes?	4	Do they accept credit cards? Do you know
2	Is there another flight to Rome this evening? Do you know	5	Where can I buy a newspaper? Could you tell me
3	Would you mind telling me	6	Would your cousins enjoy this kind of music? Do you know
W	? Irite an indirect question for each situation. U	Jse the v	words in bold.
	ituation 1: You are at the train station. You want to loo / know / where / can buy a ticket	buy your	ticket. Ask another person.
	uation 2: You are looking for the departure lounge at an airport. Ask at the information desk.		
Si	uation 3: You missed your last English lesson. Ask another student about the homework. / know / we had homework?		
D	oo / know / we had homework?		