

Indirect questions are used when you want to ask a question politely.

A. Change the direct questions into indirect questions. Write one word in each space.
1 a. Where is the train station?
b. Could you tell me?
2 a. What time does the bank open?
b. Do you know?
3 a. Does this bus go to the zoo?
b. Could you tell me to the zoo?
B. Look at questions in Exercise A and answer the questions below.
1. Which questions are more polite, a or b?
2. What happens to the 'verb to be' in sentence 1 b?
3. What happens to the auxiliary verb 'does' in 2b and 3b?
4. Which word do you have to add to the yes/no question in 3b?
C. Rewrite the questions in the correct order.
1. train you to tell could me if paris goes this?
2. is me next tell the could time bus what you?
3. bank do is know nearest the where you?
4. to bus do city whether know center goes the this you?
D. Create your own indirect questions. Then, ask and answer the questions with your classmates.
1. Could you tell me?
2. Do you know?
3. Could you tell me if