

Indirect Questions

Indirect questions are a form of questions used when the speaker wants to be polite and a little formal. They are often used when speaking to someone you don't know or in professional situations.

Most indirect questions have several parts, and they can be in any verb tense, as shown in these examples:

Question phrase	Question word	Subject	Predicate
Do you know	where	the bus stop	is?
Could you tell me	what time	we	should meet tomorrow?
Could you let me know	when	the film	starts?
Do you have any idea	why	they	haven't arrived yet?
May I ask	how	you	got those tickets?
Can you tell me	if	this person	was here yesterday?

A. Complete the indirect questions with the words and phrases from the box.

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- Do where to buy the tickets?
- Would you mind telling me the tickets cost?
- Do you know when starts?
- Can you where to meet tonight?
- Do you know if for the show are good?
- Could you tell me who going with us?



B. Put the words in the correct order to make indirect questions.

- how / to the park / get / tell me / I / could you / can
.....?
- about / what / you know / is / do / the meeting
.....?
- you tell / costs / how much / an espresso / me / could
.....?
- you / will be playing / when / the band / know / again / do
.....?

C. Correct the mistakes. Put a tick next to the indirect questions you think are correct. If you think a question is wrong, put a cross and correct the error.

1. Do you know what time they left the building yesterday?
2. Could you tell me when are we going to have dinner?
3. Do you know if Harry speaks German?
4. Could you tell me where the classroom is?
5. Could you please tell me how can I get to the post office?
6. Do you have any idea what are we getting him for his birthday?
7. Please explain why you decided not to go?
8. Do you know if this bus goes all the way downtown?
9. May I ask how old are you?
10. Do you have any idea where they're going this summer?

D. Change the following direct questions into indirect questions. Start each one with 'Do you know...' or 'Could you please tell me...'.

1. Where are international departures?

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2. What does he do at the weekend?

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3. Where are you going to stay?

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4. What is this?

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5. When does the bus arrive?

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6. How long will you be on holiday?

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7. What seat number do you have?

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8. What time does the spa open?

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