

Questions 2 (Do you know where ... ? /
He asked me where ...)

A

Do you **know where** ... ? / I **don't know why** ... / **Could you tell me what** ... ? etc.We say: Where **has Tom** gone?*but* Do you know where **Tom has** gone? (*not* Do you know where has Tom gone?)When the question (**Where has Tom gone?**) is part of a longer sentence (**Do you know** ... ? / **I don't know** ... / **Can you tell me** ... ? etc.), the word order changes. We say:

- ☐ What time **is it**?
- ☐ Who **are those people**?
- ☐ Where **can I** find Louise?
- ☐ How much **will it** cost?

but **Do you know** what time **it is**?
I don't know who **those people are**.
Can you tell me where I **can** find Louise?
Do you have any idea how much **it will** cost?

Be careful with **do/does/did** questions. We say:

- ☐ What time **does the film start**?
- ☐ What **do you mean**?
- ☐ Why **did she leave** early?

but **Do you know** what time **the film starts**?
 (*not* does the film start)
Please explain what **you mean**.
I wonder why **she left** early.

Use **if** or **whether** where there is no other question word (**what, why** etc.):

- ☐ Did anybody see you? *but* Do you know **if** anybody saw you?
 or ... **whether** anybody saw you?

B

He asked me where ... (reported questions)

The same changes in word order happen in reported questions. Compare:

- ☐ *direct* The police officer said to us 'Where **are you going** ?'
- reported* The police officer asked us where **we were going** .
- ☐ *direct* Clare said 'What time **do the banks close** ?'
- reported* Clare wanted to know what time **the banks closed** .

In reported speech the verb usually changes to the past (**were, closed** etc.). See Unit 47.

Study these examples. You had an interview for a job and these were some of the questions the interviewer asked you:



Are you willing to travel?

What **do you do** in your spare time?How long **have you** been working in your present job?Why **did you apply** for the job?Can you **speak** any other languages?Do you **have** a driving licence?Later you tell a friend what the interviewer asked you. You use *reported* speech:

- ☐ She asked if (*or whether*) I **was** willing to travel.
- ☐ She wanted to know what I **did** in my spare time.
- ☐ She asked how long I **had** been working in my present job.
- ☐ She asked why I **had** applied for the job. (*or* ... why I **applied**)
- ☐ She wanted to know if (*or whether*) I **could** speak any other languages.
- ☐ She asked if (*or whether*) I **had** a driving licence.