

Indirect Questions Exercises

Level: B1

Keep statement word order inside the question

An indirect question puts a question inside an opening such as *Could you tell me...?* The embedded part has statement word order: question word + subject + verb. For yes/no questions, use *if* or *whether*.

Question word: Direct: *Where is the station?* Indirect: *Could you tell me where the station is?*

No do-support inside: Direct: *Where does she live?* Indirect: *Do you know where she lives?* Drop *does* and use *lives*.

Yes/no question: Direct: *Is the shop open?* Indirect: *Do you know if the shop is open?* Use *if* or *whether*.

Tense stays: Direct: *When did they leave?* Indirect: *Could you tell me when they left?* Keep the past meaning.

Punctuation: Use a question mark if the whole sentence asks a question: *Can you tell me where it is?* Use a full stop in a statement: *I know where it is.*

Exercise 1: Choose the indirect question

Choose the version with correct word order in the embedded question.

1. Could you tell me ___?
a) where is the station b) where the station is c) where does the station
2. Do you know ___?
a) what time does the shop close b) what time the shop closes c) what time closes the shop
3. Can you tell me ___?
a) if the museum is open b) is the museum open c) if is the museum open
4. I wonder ___ yesterday.
a) why did she leave b) why she left c) why she leave
5. Could you tell me ___?
a) when they arrived b) when did they arrive c) when arrived they
6. Do you know ___?
a) whether will the bus stop here b) whether the bus will stop here c) whether does the bus stop here

Exercise 2: Complete the embedded question

Write the missing part with statement word order. Use every word in the hint.

7. Could you tell me ___? (where / the station / is)
8. Do you know ___? (what time / the train / leaves)

9. Can you tell me ___? (if / the shop / is open)
10. I wonder ___ yesterday. (why / she / left)
11. Could you tell me ___? (when / they / arrived)
12. Do you know ___? (whether / the bus / stops here)

Exercise 3: Fix the indirect question

Replace the incorrect phrase with the correct embedded question. Keep the opening and punctuation.

13. Could you tell me where is the station?

14. Do you know what time does the train leave?

15. Can you tell me is the library open?

16. I wonder why did she leave early.

17. Could you tell me when did they arrive?

18. Do you know whether will the bus stop here?

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the indirect question

1. b) where the station is
2. b) what time the shop closes
3. a) if the museum is open
4. b) why she left
5. a) when they arrived
6. b) whether the bus will stop here

Exercise 2: Complete the embedded question

7. where the station is
8. what time the train leaves
9. if the shop is open
10. why she left
11. when they arrived
12. whether the bus stops here

Exercise 3: Fix the indirect question

13. Could you tell me where the station is?
14. Do you know what time the train leaves?
15. Can you tell me if the library is open?
16. I wonder why she left early.
17. Could you tell me when they arrived?
18. Do you know whether the bus will stop here?