



DIRECT & INDIRECT QUESTIONS

Indirect questions are a more polite way to ask for information or make requests. We often use them when asking something of strangers or people we do not know well.
We also use them when asking for **favours** from friends or when we want to avoid sounding demanding.

When we make requests in English, we usually use the modal verbs ***can, could*** and ***would***. We also use these modals to begin many indirect questions.

Here are a few common **phrases** in making indirect questions:

Can / Could / Would you tell me..? Can / Could / Would you inform me…? Can / Could/ Would you let me know...? Do you know …? Would you mind …? Do you have any idea …? Would it be possible …?	I would be grateful if you could tell me… I'm interested in finding out… Please let me know… I was wondering … I would like to know / ask…

Study the following examples.

Where is the teacher? Can you tell me where the teacher is?	What do you like about the museum? I wonder what you like about the museum.

DIRECT QUESTIONS	INDIRECT QUESTIONS
• How much is the registration fee?	• I would like to know how much the registration fee is.
• Will the team do any training before the race?	• I was wondering if / whether the team will do any training before the race.
• Is accommodation included in the price?	• Do you know if / whether accommodation is included in the price?
• What do I need to bring along?	• Could you tell me what I need to bring along?
In indirect questions, the **word order is the same** as in affirmative sentences and the **tenses do not change.**	

Form the indirect questions.

1	Where is the station? Can you tell me _____ ?

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2.	Are you coming to the party? Can you let me know if _____ ?

3	How does it work? Can you explain _____ ?

4	What's the matter? Please tell me _____ .

5	Where are you from? I'd like to know _____ .

6	How many students are participating? Can you tell me _____ ?

7	When does the cycling team meet? I was wondering _____ .

8	Is a certificate awarded to participants? I would like to know _____ .

9	Does this event take place every year? Do you know _____ ?

10	Where is the registration office? Could you tell me _____ ?

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