

INDIRECT QUESTIONS



Indirect Questions are more formal and more polite than direct questions. They come after introductory phrases combined with interrogative pronouns and adjectives (who, whom, what, which, whose), adverbs (when, where, how, why) or if, whether. They have the same word order as statements, and we do not use the verb 'do' to form a question.

Take a look at the direct questions in the left column of chart. Then, write their corresponding indirect questions on the right.

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| 1. Why did he leave? | 1. Do you have any idea _____? |
| 2. What time does the film start? | 2. Do you remember _____? |
| 3. Does she speak Spanish? | 3. Do you know if _____? |
| 4. Where are you going? | 4. Would you mind telling me
_____? |
| 5. Will you be here later? | 5. Do you think _____? |
| 6. Is this the right bus? | 6. Do you know whether _____? |
| 7. Do you have any tickets left? | 7. Could you let me know if
_____? |
| 8. Do I have to cook tonight? | 8. Could you please tell me whether
_____? |
| 9. How much is it? | 9. Can you please tell me _____? |
| 10. What was the reason? | 10. Do you have any idea _____? |
| 11. Why are you so late? | 11. Would you mind telling us
_____? |
| 12. Can she swim? | 12. Can you tell me if _____? |
| 13. Should I be there before 7 pm? | 13. Do you think _____? |
| 14. Could you look after the children? | 14. Could you please let me know if
_____? |