

TASK A. You have to interview someone for a job in your company. Choose the correct indirect questions that you'll ask from the options below and make a circle. Follow the example:

OPTIONS:

- 1: (A) Could you tell us what you studied at university?
(B) Could you tell us what did you study at university?
- 2: (A) Can you tell me how long you have been working in sales?
(B) Can you tell me how long have you been working in sales?
- 3: (A) Could you tell me why you want this job?
(B) Could you tell me why do you want this job?
- 4: (A) Can you tell us how long were you with your last company?
(B) Can you tell us how long you were with your last company?
- 5: (A) Would you mind telling me why did you leave your previous job?
(B) Would you mind telling me why you left your previous job?
- 6: (A) And finally, can you tell us what salary you expect?
(B) And finally, can you tell us what salary do you expect?

TASK B. Match the situation on the left with an indirect question on the right. Follow the example:

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| 1. <u> B </u> | <i>You're not wearing your watch.</i> | A. | Have you any idea where my keys are? |
| 2. <u> </u> | You need to buy some stamps on holiday. | B. | <i>Could you tell me what time it is?</i> |
| 3. <u> </u> | The shop is still closed. | C. | Do you know what her name is? |
| 4. <u> </u> | You're surprised by what he did. | D. | Can you tell me how to use the photocopier? |
| 5. <u> </u> | You need to copy some documents at the library. | E. | Do you have any idea when it opens? |
| 6. <u> </u> | You want to introduce yourself to a girl at a party. | F. | Can you tell me what the capital of Bolivia is? |
| 7. <u> </u> | You are revising for a geography test. | G. | Have you any idea why he did that? |
| 8. <u> </u> | You want to lock the door. | H. | Do you know where the post office is? |

TASK C. Change the following **direct questions** into **indirect questions** using the introductory clauses given in the brackets:

1. *(She asked)* 'Where are you going?'
She asked where you are going?
 2. *(I want to know)* 'When does he propose to start?'

 3. *(I should like to know)* 'What are your plans?'

 4. *(I can't figure out)* 'What does she want?'

 5. *(I don't know)* 'Why does she hate me?'

 6. *(She wondered)* 'Why did you refuse to see Alice?'

 7. *(Tell me)* 'What do you mean by that?'

 8. *(Can you tell me whether)* 'Is that true?'

 9. *(He wants to know)* 'Why do the French eat frogs?'

 10. *(I don't understand)* 'What is her problem?'

TASK D. Choose the correct answer to make indirect questions:

1. I have no idea _____.
a) where she's
b) where she is
c) where is she
2. Do you have any idea how long _____ me to do it?
a) did it take
b) it took
c) took it
3. She asked me where _____ from.
a) do I come
b) come I
c) I come
4. Could you tell me _____ gone?
a) where she has
b) where is she
c) where has she
5. Has she told you whether _____ help?
a) will she
b) she will
6. I was wondering why _____ take the train; it'll be quicker.
a) don't we
b) we don't
7. I asked them where _____ going.
a) were they
b) they were
8. Can you explain why _____ so expensive?
a) is it
b) it's
9. Can you remember _____?
a) what did she say
b) what she said

TASK E. Follow the example and write the indirect questions for each tense. Follow the examples:

Present Simple: Change the direct question into an indirect question. Use '*can you tell me*'.

Past Simple: Change the direct question into an indirect question. Use '*do you know*'.

Modal Verbs: Change the direct question into an indirect question. Use '*could you tell me*'.

Present Simple	Past Simple	Modal Verbs
1. <i>Where does she play tennis?</i> <i>Can you tell me where she plays tennis?</i>	1. <i>Did she go out last night?</i> <i>Do you know if she went out last night?</i>	1. <i>When can they come?</i> <i>Could you tell me when they can come?</i>
2. <i>Does he live in Paris?</i>	2. <i>Where did she meet her brother?</i>	2. <i>Ought I to work tomorrow?</i>
3. <i>Is she hungry?</i>	3. <i>How was the film?</i>	3. <i>Why must she leave?</i>
4. <i>Do they work in Canada?</i>	4. <i>Who did we see at the party?</i>	4. <i>Must he cook tonight?</i>
5. <i>Are the children on holiday this week?</i>	5. <i>Where was the class?</i>	5. <i>How well can she swim?</i>
6. <i>Who is she?</i>	6. <i>Did Zac call his mum yesterday?</i>	6. <i>Can he work on Monday?</i>
7. <i>Is Richard always late?</i>	7. <i>Were we late for the meeting?</i>	7. <i>Why can't they leave now?</i>
8. <i>What does he do at the weekend?</i>	8. <i>Where was Julie yesterday afternoon?</i>	8. <i>Should he get there before 7?</i>
9. <i>Are they from Chile?</i>	9. <i>Why was she so early?</i>	9. <i>What can't we bring onto the plane?</i>
10. <i>Do they often go out?</i>	10. <i>What did they do at the weekend?</i>	10. <i>Who ought she to see?</i>

ANSWERS

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- 4: (B) Can you tell us how long you were with your last company?
- 5: (B) Would you mind telling me why you left your previous job?
- 6: (A) And finally, can you tell us what salary you expect?

TASK B.

1. B
2. H
3. E
4. G
5. D
6. C
7. F
8. A

TASK C.

1. She asked *where I was going*.
2. I want to know *when he proposes to start*.
3. I should like to know *what your plans are*.
4. I can't figure out *what she wants*.
5. I don't know *why she hates me*.
6. She wondered *why I refused to see Alice*.
7. Tell me *what you mean by that*.
8. Can you tell me *whether that is true?*
9. He wants to know *why the French eat frogs*.
10. I don't understand *what her problem is*.

TASK D.

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. B
7. C
8. B

