

EMBEDDED QUESTION - CÂU HỎI PHỨC

Usage:

1. To politely ask for information
2. To talk about something unknown to the speaker

Embedded question can begin with:

I wonder
Can you tell me
Do you know
Do you have any idea

Rules:

1. Reverse the positions of the subject and the auxiliary verb (to be/ do/ does/ did/ can/...)

Example: What **did he** say? => Can you tell me what **he said**?
 Is he a doctor? => Do you know if **he is** a doctor?

2. Add "if/ whether/ whether or not" before the subject when it's a Yes/No question

Example: **Will** he be there? => Do you know **if** he will be there?
 Have you eaten? => I wonder **whether or not** you have eaten.
 Can you swim? => Can you tell me **whether** you can swim?

3. Do NOT use contraction at the end of the sentence

Example: Where are you? => Can you tell me where **you are**?
 NOT Can you tell me where **you're**?

Exercise 1: Complete the embedded question

1. Do you need any help?

Call me

2. Where's Helen gone?

Do you know.....?

3. When will Tony be back?

Do you happen to know

4. How much is it going to cost?

I wonder

5. Will he be back soon?

Do you have any idea

6. How long will I have to wait?

Can you tell me.....?

7. What are you talking about?

I don't know

8. What time does the bank close?

Do you know

9. What do you mean?

I'm not really sure

10. Could you lend me some money until I get paid?

I was wondering

11. Where did Sam go?

Do you have any idea

12. What time is it?

Do you know

Exercise 2: Choose the correct embedded question

1. A. I wonder what you know about me.
B. I wonder what do you know about me.
2. A. I'm not sure why he was running late?
B. I'm not sure why he was running late.
3. A. Can you tell me how old he is?
B. Can you tell me if how old he is?
4. A. I don't know if it can be done by tomorrow.
B. I don't know can it be done by tomorrow.
5. A. I wonder whether or not are you bored.
B. I wonder whether or not you are bored.
6. A. Could you please tell me if he was being honest or not?
B. Could you please tell me or not if he was being honest?
7. A. I'm not sure what should I do now.
B. I'm not sure what I should do now.
8. A. Can you tell me how I make milk tea?
B. Can you tell me how I can make milk tea?
C. Can you tell me how to make milk tea?