

INDIRECT QUESTIONS

Indirect questions are used in polite situations. They have the same word order as statements and we do not use the auxiliaries 'do', 'does', 'did'. Unlike reported questions, we do not change the verb tense.

Examples:

'What did she do?'
'Do we have enough sugar?'

Can you tell me what she did?
I wonder if we have enough sugar.

Change the direct questions to indirect:

Where is the nearest station?	Could you tell me
Are you coming to the party?	I was wondering
How does it work?	Do you have any idea
Has Lucy been to Mexico?	Can you tell me
How long does it take to go there?	Do you know
What time are you leaving?	Let me know
Have you spoken to him yet?	I'd like to know

REPORTED SPEECH

1. 'What do you think of the college?' she asked me.	ASKED
She of the college.	
2. 'I'll call you later tonight,' Keith promised.	WOULD
Keith promised that he night.	
3. 'I didn't break the window,' said the boy.	DENIED
The boy the window.	
4. 'Why don't you come this evening?'	SUGGESTED
She evening.	
5. 'I really want to come with you!', my little brother told us.	INSISTED
My little brother	
6. 'You must do your homework tonight.' the teacher said.	TOLD
The teacher my homework that night.	
7. 'I might be late for dinner', he told me.	LIKELY
He told me late for dinner.	
8. 'I wouldn't do that if I were you,' their dad told them.	WARNED
Their dad that.	