

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

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| 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. | |