

# Indirect Questions

LEVEL LASER B1

## 1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I'd like to know when can I leave. \_\_\_\_\_  
b I'd like to know when I can leave. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 a Could I ask what it is like to be self-employed? \_\_\_\_\_  
b Could I ask what is it like to be self-employed? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 a Would you mind telling me when I will know? \_\_\_\_\_  
b Would you mind telling me when will I know? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 a Do you know where can I get an application form? \_\_\_\_\_  
b Do you know where I can get an application form? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 If a sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, rewrite it correctly.

- 1 Would you mind telling me what is wrong?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I wonder if you could tell me when will the next interview be?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Could I ask where can I find more information?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Could you tell me what he said?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I'd like to know if did they mention my name.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Can I ask what you are expecting to do in this company?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Complete the indirect questions.

- 1 'What made you do such a thing?' I'd like to know \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 'Did you complain about it?' Could I ask if \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 'Why did he insist on working this way?' Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_?

### 4 Write indirect questions for these situations.

- 1 You ask a stranger in the street the way to the library.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 You ask your director whether you can have a day off work.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 You ask a colleague the reason you are having another meeting so soon.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 You ask your boss if he approves of the plans you have made.  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Quick check

### 5 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 With reported questions, do we use the question form of the verb? **yes / no**
- 2 With indirect questions, do we use the question form of the verb? **yes / no**
- 3 Which is correct? Reported questions **never / sometimes / always** have a question mark at the end.
- 4 Which is correct? Indirect questions **never / sometimes / always** have a question mark at the end.
- 5 Which is correct? Tenses, modals and time phrases usually **change / don't change** in reported questions.
- 6 Which is correct? Tenses, modals and time phrases usually **change / don't change** in indirect questions.