

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.