

Questions

There are two main types of direct questions.

Word order: question word + auxiliary verb (e.g. *are/did/does*) + subject + main verb

Yes/No questions: *Are you going to Danka's party?*

Wh- questions: *Where did she learn to speak Spanish?*

Subject questions are used when the question word (e.g. *who*) refers to the subject of the sentence.

Word order: Question word + main verb + subject

The teacher told us to go. → Who told you to go?

We use indirect questions when we want to be polite (e.g. when we don't know someone).

There are different ways of starting indirect questions (e.g. *Do you know ...*, *Can you tell me ...*, *Could you tell me ...*, *Is it OK if ...*, *I'd like to know ...*).

We use the word order of positive statements. We use *if* or *whether* for indirect Yes/No questions.

Can you tell me where the nearest bank is?

Do you know whether this bus goes to Oxford?

a Find the mistake in each question and correct it.

- 1 Where you are living at the moment?
- 2 He has ever been trekking before?
- 3 Who did give you those lovely flowers?
- 4 What time you be here tomorrow?
- 5 You having a holiday soon?
- 6 When this company was started?

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b Turn these questions into indirect:

E.g. *Do you go on holiday every year?*

- 1 Where have you put my sunglasses? → Do you know...
- 2 What time does the bank open? → I don't remember...
- 3 Were there any souvenirs for sale at the hotel? → Can you tell me...
- 4 Why did Paul leave the table so quickly? → I wonder...
- 5 Why do you always disagree with me? → I really want to know...
- 6 Does Tim study languages? → I don't know...

Write your answers in the chart.

Introductory phrase	If/whether-Wh-word	Subject	Finite verb*	Rest of the sentence	Punctuation mark
E.g. Can I ask you	if	you	go	on holiday every year	?
1)					
2)					
3)					
4)					
5)					
6)					



*Finite verbs show tense, person and number (I go, she goes, we went, etc.)