

## INDIRECT QUESTIONS

### A.

Indirect questions are introduced with ***I wonder/was wondering...? I would like to know/ask...? I would be interested to know...? etc.*** The word order in indirect questions is the same as in statements (**subject + verb**).

- **Where** is Helen? (QUESTION WORD - **WHERE** )  
Do you know **where** Helen is?  
(NOT: ~~Do you know where is Helen?~~)
- **Did** he phone? (NO QUESTION WORD → **IF**)  
I'd like to know **if/whether** he phoned.
- **Could** you help me? (NO QUESTION WORD → **IF**)  
I wonder **if** you could help me.

### I. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. I wonder if you could tell me what time does the plane from Frankfurt arrive?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Could you let me know when would you like me to come for an interview.  
\_\_\_\_\_?
3. I wonder if you know what bus should I catch for the town centre.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. I wonder you have seen George?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. I would like to know do you have any double rooms?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Can you tell me what were you doing in my office?  
\_\_\_\_\_?
7. Do you know where is this address?  
\_\_\_\_\_?

### II. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

1. When does Tina get back from Berlin? **know**  
Do \_\_\_\_\_ back from Berlin?
2. What time does the film start tonight? **starts**  
Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ tonight?
3. Is service included in the price? **know**  
I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ in the price.
4. What is the salary? **let**  
Could you \_\_\_\_\_ the salary is?
5. Have you been to Brussels before? **wonder**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ to Brussels before.
6. Did Gail pass her exam? **passed**  
Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ her exam?
7. I wonder if you know where Mary went after the party last night. **go**  
Where \_\_\_\_\_ after the party last night?

## B.

### Speaking test of the national examination in English

What would you like to ask the people in the pictures?

What would you like to know about the pictures?

I **would ask** the people/man/woman/children/etc. in the first picture if/why/how (often)/etc. **subject + verb**. / I **would like to know** if/why/how (often)/etc. the people/man/woman/children/etc. in the first picture **+ verb**.

I also **wonder** if/why/how (often)/etc. the people/man/woman/children/etc. in the other picture **+ verb**.

#### EXAMPLES:

1. I **would like to know** how often the children in the first picture **play board games** with their parents. I also **wonder** if the elderly woman in the other photo **has ever used** the computer before.
2. I **would ask** the young women in the first picture why they have decided to spend their spare time that way. I also **wonder** if the adolescents in the other photo **really enjoy** what they are doing.
3. I **would ask** the people in the first picture what exactly they are trying to do and why. I also **wonder** what had happened before each of these photos were taken.

### III. What would you like to ask the people in the pictures?/What would you like to know about the pictures?



