

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?



