

DIRECT vs. INDIRECT QUESTIONS



GRAMMAR - LESSON 1

LEVEL C1 - 9/1/2025

A. DIRECT QUESTIONS / QUESTION WORDS / SUBJECT & OBJECT QUESTIONS

DIRECT QUESTIONS

Χωρίζονται σε δύο κατηγορίες:

1. **Yes/No questions:** απαντώνται με *yes/no*
 - Are you French? - Yes, I am.
2. **Wh-questions:** εισάγονται με *question words*
 - Where do you live? - In France.

QUESTION WORDS

WHO / WHOM

- Who is that man over there?
- Whom did you call a few minutes ago?
- Who(m) were you talking to last night?
- **BUT:** To whom were you talking last night?

WHOSE

- Whose briefcase is this? - It's Brian's. / It's mine.
- **OR:** Whose is this briefcase?

WHAT

- What is your favourite TV series?
- What does Professor Clemens look like?
- What is Professor Clemens like?

WHICH

- Which TV series is your favourite, "Friends" or "Modern Family"?
- Among these actors, which one is the most popular?

WHERE

- Where did the Spencers spend their summer?

WHEN

- When will your mother retire?

WHY

- Why are you in such a hurry?

HOW

- How is your grandfather?
- How do you like your new apartment?
- How big is your apartment?

SUBJECT QUESTIONS

Όταν ρωτάμε για το **υποκείμενο (subject)** μιας πρότασης, το ρήμα που ακολουθεί την ερωτηματική λέξη είναι σε **καταφατική μορφή**.

- Who met Liz at the mall?
- What caused the explosion?

OBJECT QUESTIONS

Όταν ρωτάμε για το **αντικείμενο (object)** μιας πρότασης, το ρήμα που ακολουθεί την ερωτηματική λέξη είναι σε **ερωτηματική μορφή**.

- Who did Liz meet at the mall?
- What did the explosion cause?

EXERCICES

1. Choose the correct option.

- _____ does Mrs Cannon's contract with our company expire?
a. Where
b. Whose
c. When
- _____ of the two secretaries was responsible for sending those emails?
a. Who
b. Which
c. Whom
- _____ your supervisor like?
a. What does
b. What is
c. How is
- _____ won the maths competition last month?
a. Whom
b. What
c. Who
- _____ can I get a copy of this book?
a. Whose
b. Where
c. Why
- _____ did you go to the prom yesterday?
a. With whom
b. Who
c. With who
- _____ does Ruby look like?
a. Who
b. What
c. How
- _____ wallet is that on the counter?
a. Whose
b. Who
c. Which
- _____ is the beach from the motel?
a. How
b. Where
c. How far

2. Write questions for the underlined part of the sentences, as in the example.

1.

- The new art gallery opens in November.

2.

- Patrick gave away Stella's secret to everyone.

3.

- An emergency prevented Warren from attending the weekly meeting.

4.

- Mr Foster is leaving for Brussels because he's found a job there.

5.

- This mobile phone is the cheapest in the store.

6.

- Carol prepared a gourmet meal for her guests last night.

7.

- The Leaning Tower of Pisa is 56.7 metres tall.

8.

- The class voted for Amelia Bates to be their representative.

B. INDIRECT QUESTIONS

Συνήθως εισάγονται με εκφράσεις όπως:

Can/Could you tell me ...? / Please tell me ... / I wonder ... / I want / I'd like to know ... / Do you know ...? / Would you mind telling me ...?

Yes/No questions

Εκφράση + if / whether + υποκείμενο + ρήμα σε καταφατική μορφή

Wh-questions

Εκφράση + question word + υποκείμενο + ρήμα σε καταφατική μορφή

EXERCICES

3. Turn the direct questions into indirect questions.

1. How long have they been in Canada?

2. Was my speech clear and inspiring?
3. Who do you consider more appropriate for the post?
4. Did Mrs Moore consent to Nigel's proposal?
5. Which of these dishes does the chef recommend for today?
6. Are they going to take out a loan?

4. Tick if the sentence is correct or make corrections where needed.

1. What of these approaches will eventually be adopted?
2. For whom did you get that nice silk scarf?
3. What did happen during Vincent's interview yesterday?
4. I wonder if this food product will appeal to teenagers.
5. Can you tell me what time do the banks close?
6. How often does this scientific journal come out?
7. I want to know whether has he failed the final examination.
8. How does Jack's fiancée look like?