

Indirect Questions

Indirect questions are more **polite ways to ask for information**. We usually use them after expressions like Do you know...? or Could you tell me...?

Important rules

- Use *subject + verb order* (**NOT** question order)
- Do **NOT** use do / does / did
- No question mark if the sentence starts as a statement

Common expressions

- Do you know...?
- Could you tell me...?
- Can you tell me...?
- Do you have any idea...?
- I'd like to know...?
- Do you remember...?

Examples

Where is the nearest ATM? → **could you tell me where the nearest ATM is?**

What time does the bookstore open? → **Do you know what time the bookstore opens?**



Exercise 1: Choose the correct option

- Do you know ____ the bank is?
a) where is
b) where the bank is
- Can you tell me ____ the movie starts?
a) what time does
b) what time
- Do you know ____ she lives?
a) where does
b) where
- Could you tell me ____ this word means?
a) what does
b) what
- Do you have any idea ____ the class finishes?
a) what time does
b) what time
- Can you tell me ____ they are coming today?
a) if
b) do

Exercise 2: Rewrite the questions

1. Where is the bus stop? (Do you know...) _____
2. How much does this cost? (Could you tell me...) _____
3. What time does the class start? (Do you have any idea...) _____
4. Where can I buy tickets? (Can you tell me...) _____

Exercise 3: Fix the mistake

1. Do you know where is the library?

2. Can you tell me what time does the store open?
