

Direct Questions X Indirect Questions

Watch the video on Direct and Indirect Questions in English by EspressoEnglish and do the tasks that follow.

1 Read the information about Direct and Indirect Questions and drag the sentences into the correct column. You should complete the columns in ascending order .

Direct Questions	Indirect Questions

1) "normal" questions that we can ask friends, family members, and people who we know well;

2) we connect the two phrases with the question word or 'if' in the case the question is a yes/no question;

3) we put the verb TO BE before the subject;

4) we need to use 'do / does / did';

5) we use an introductory phrase followed by the question itself;

6) we use WH-words to start the question;

7) we put the verb TO BE after the subject;

8) a little more formal and polite questions we use when talking to a person we don't know very well, or in professional situations;

9) we don't need 'do / does / did';

2 Match the Direct Questions with their Indirect equivalents.

A Where is Jack?	Can you tell me what you've done this week?
B When does Alice usually arrive?	Do you have any idea if Barbara's ever studied abroad?
C Has Barbara ever studied abroad?	I was wondering if you know where Jack is.
D How much does it cost?	I'd like to know how much it costs.
E Which color suits me?	I wonder why he left his job.
F Why did he leave his job?	Do you know when Alice usually arrives?
G What have you done this week?	I'd like to know if he plans on going out now.
H Does he plan on going out now?	I'm not sure which color suits me.

3 Choose the correct forms to complete the following questions. There are Direct and Indirect Questions.

a. I don't know the answer. How many times _____ to tell you?

() do I have

() I have

() I do have

b. I don't know _____ so unhappy.

() why is he always

() why he is always

() whether is he always

c. Do you have any idea when _____ ?

- ☐ will the results be published ☐ will be the results published
☐ the results will be published

d. How many people _____ for the party?

- ☐ did you call ☐ you called ☐ called you

e. I wonder _____

- ☐ how long this hot weather will last. ☐ how long will this hot weather last.
☐ how this hot weather will last.

f. Did she tell you how often _____ ?

- ☐ should you take the vitamins ☐ you should take the vitamins
☐ do you take the vitamins

g. I'd like to know _____ for the experiment.

- ☐ if can I use the product ☐ if I can use the product
☐ whether can I use the product

h. Could you tell me why _____ ?

- ☐ you are leaving ☐ do you leave ☐ are you leaving

i. Can I ask you how long _____ here?

- ☐ you have been living ☐ have you been living ☐ have you lived

j. Why _____ ?

- ☐ I shouldn't call her ☐ shouldn't I call her ☐ I wouldn't call her

4 Turn these Direct Questions into Indirect Questions.

a. Where is he from?	Do you know _____ ?
b. How many countries has he travelled to?	I wonder _____ .
c. Where did you go?	Can you tell me _____ ?
d. Have you finished the report yet?	I'd like to know _____ .
e. Does he go out very often?	I've no idea whether _____ .
f. Who was she talking to?	I wonder who _____ .
g. Where is the nearest station?	Could you tell me where _____ ?
h. Why can't you help your new colleague?	Would you mind telling me why _____ ?
i. What is our new boss like?	I'd like to find out what _____ .
j. How could you do that?	I don't know how _____ .

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