

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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