



English

Fourth stage

L1

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Indirect Questions

Indirect questions are a little more formal and polite. We use them when talking to a person we don't know very well, or in professional situations, and their form is a little different.

Phrases for Indirect Questions

Could you tell me...

Do you know...

I was wondering...

Do you have any idea...

I'd like to know...

Would it be possible...

Is there any chance...

Direct : **Where** is the college?

Indirect: **Could you tell me** **where** the college is?

Direct : **When** does the lecture begin?

Indirect: **Do you know** **when** the lecture begins?

Direct : **Why** did we stay at home?

Indirect: **I was wondering** **why** we stayed at home.

Direct : Has the game started?

Indirect: **Do you have any idea** **whether / if** the game has started?

Direct : Are they coming with her?

Indirect: **I'd like to know** **whether / if** they are coming with her.

Direct: Can you finish the project by tomorrow?

Indirect: **Would it be possible** (for you) to finish the project by tomorrow?

Indirect : Can you share this post ?

Indirect : **Would it be possible** to share this post?

Direct Question : Can we change the meeting?

Indirect Question: **Is there a chance** we can change the meeting?

Exercise 1

1. What did she say?
Could you let me know
2. What time will Peter come?
Do you know
3. Where is my pen?
Do you have any idea
4. I was wondering at your diary.
Why didn't he ask them? I wonderthem.
5. Where was the map?
Do you know
6. When does the train arrive?
Could you tell me
7. Why has Ben left?
I'd like to know
8. How did you do that?
Can you tell me that?
9. Will you marry Jane?
Would you mind telling me

Exercise 2

- 1- Why did she cry?
Can you tell me
2. Does she speak Greek?
I'd like to knowGreek.
3. Where is Joe?
Do you know
4. What time does the show start?
Do you have any idea
5. Will they be all right?
I wonderall right.
6. What did he want?
Would you mind telling me

7. Whose car was it?
Could you let me know?
8. Is this the right train?
Do you have any ideathe right train?
9. When will they get married?
I wonder ?
10. How long has she known him?
I'd like to knowhim.
11. Could you babysit tonight?
I was wondering.....tonight.
12. What is her name?
Can you tell me?
13. Do they have any free tickets?
Could you let me knowsome free tickets?
14. Where were the boxes?
Can you remember?
15. Which countries did she visit?
Do you know?

Exercise 3

Choose the correct answer.

1. Diana wants to know _____.
☐ where do you live
☐ where you live
2. The police want to know _____.
☐ whether we know them
☐ do we know them
3. Mary wants to know _____.
☐ when was the play

- ☐ when the play was
- 4.** Sam wants to know _____.
 - ☐ if he can go out late
 - ☐ whether can he go out late
- 5.** We want to know _____.
 - ☐ how much the tickets cost
 - ☐ whether the tickets cost
- 6.** David wants to know _____.
 - ☐ if we had homework last night
 - ☐ did we have homework last night
- 7.** I have no idea _____.
 - ☐ where she's
 - ☐ where she is
 - ☐ where is she
- 8.** Could you tell me _____ gone?
 - ☐ where she's
 - ☐ where is she
 - ☐ where has she
- 9.** I asked them where _____ going.
 - ☐ were they
 - ☐ they were
- 10.** Can you tell me how much _____ cost?
 - ☐ will it
 - ☐ it will
- 11.** - Do you have any idea how long _____ me to do it?
 - ☐ did it take
 - ☐ it took
 - ☐ took it
- 12.** Has she told you whether _____ help?
 - ☐ will she
 - ☐ she will
- 13.** Can you explain why _____ so expensive?
 - ☐ is it
 - ☐ it's
- 14.** She asked me where _____ from.
 - ☐ do I come

☐ come I

☐ I come

15 . I was wondering why _____ take the train; it'll be quicker.

☐ don't we

☐ we don't

16. Can you remember _____?

☐ what did she say

☐ what she said