

Unit 7

Indirect Questions

What Are Indirect Questions?



Direct questions are the “normal” questions that we can ask to friends, family members, and people who we know well.

Example of a direct question:

“Where’s the bathroom?”

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.

Example of an indirect question:

“Could you tell me where the bathroom is?”

Forms of indirect questions

We can begin impersonal questions with

Could you tell me?

Do you know?

Do you mind telling me?

Could you explain?

The structure is then the same as in reported questions. Unlike reported questions, the sentence ends with a question mark.

Yes/No questions are introduced with if or whether.

Do you know **if/whether** there’s a postbox near here, please?

Other questions are introduced with what, who, why, when, where, how, etc.

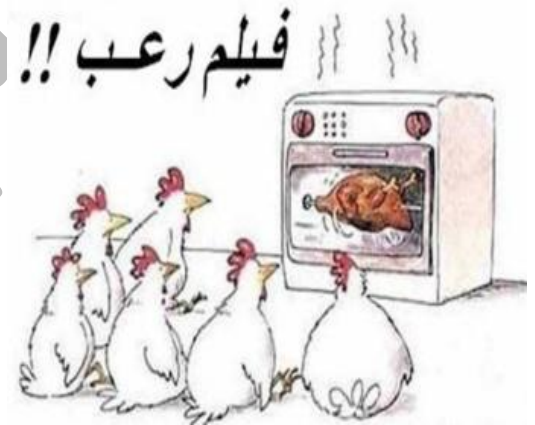
Could you tell me what the time is, please?

Do you know who that man is?

Do you mind **telling** me why the train is late?

Could you tell me where the nearest bank is, please?

Could you explain how you solved this puzzle?



Direct Questions

There are two types of questions

W / H YES / NO

هو كل سؤال يبدأ اما ب

W او H

**What, Who, Why, When, Where,
How, etc.**

ويكون جواب السؤال بجمله.

ملاحظه: صيغه السؤال تنتهي لحظه الوصول الى الفعل
المساعد

هو كل سؤال يبدأ بفعل
مساعد

**be// do //have
//modals**

ويكون جواب السؤال اما
بنعم او لا

Where do you live? **I live I Amman.**

How many kids do you have?

How old are you?

Which is your favorite book, History or Maths?

Do you speak Italy? **No, I don't.**

Have you ever been to Canada?

Is Barcelona your favourite team?

Will she come to visit me?

Indirect questions

We use indirect questions to make our requests or questions more polite.

There are many forms to begin indirect questions such as:

Could you tell me ?

Can you tell me ?

Do you know ?

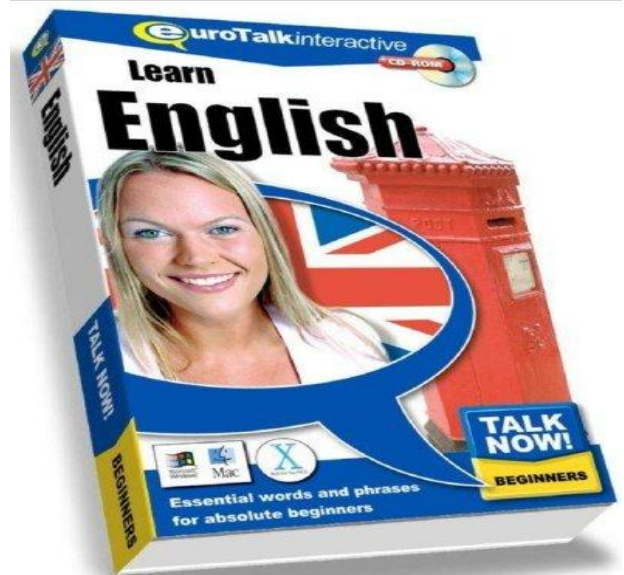
Have you any idea ?

Would you **mind telling** me..... ?

Do you **mind telling** me..... ?

I would like to know..... ?

I wonder if you could explain..... ?



W // H questions

e.g.:

(direct question)

How old are you?

خطوات الحل

يتم وضع احد اشكال الاسئله الغير مباشره من قبل واضع السؤال . Can you tell me .
نضع صيغه السؤال كما هي لكن بحرف صغير **how old** (ويمكن ان تتكون صيغه السؤال من اكثر من كلمه وتنتهي
صيغه السؤال لحظه الوصول الى الفعل المساعد).
نعمل اقلاب بين الفاعل والفعل المساعد. you
نضع الفعل المساعد كما هو دون تغيير. are
نكمل السؤال ونضع؟ فى اخر السؤال.?

الحل يصبح كالتالي

(indirect question)

Can you tell me **how old you are?**

When **will she** start her new job?

Do you mind telling me.....?

اذا احتوى السؤال بنوعيه على do/does/did كفعل مساعد فقط وليس رئيسي.

تحذير
هام وعاجل

قبل التحويل	بعد التحويل
do	تحذف ويبقى الفعل كما هو دون اي تغيير على الفعل
does	تحذف ونضيف الى الفعل المضارع s / es
Did	تحذف ونحول الفعل الى الماضى v2

Where **does** she live?

Do you mind telling me where she **lives?**

How much time **do** we need to get a visa?

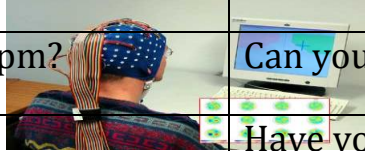
Do you mind telling me how much time we **need** to get a visa?

How **did** you come here?

Could you tell me how you **came** here?

امثله للتطبيق شغل هالراس

Direct Question	Indirect Question
1. Why is he unhappy?	Can you tell me
2. When is the restaurant closing?	Could you tell me
3. Why was he late for the meeting?	Do you know.....
4. What were you doing at 3pm?	Can you tell me
5. Where does Lucy live?	Have you any idea
6. How long has she been living here?	I would like to know
7. Why had she quit her job before she moved here?	Would you telling me
8. When will she start her new job?	Could you tell me
9. How long had she been living here when she met you?	Can you tell me
10. When did she start her new job?	Do you mind telling me
11. When is it going to rain?	Could you explain
12. What time will Lisa be meeting the boss?	Could you tell me
13. When will he have finished the report?	Could you tell me
14. How long will he have been studying French when he retires?	Could you tell me
15. What should we do now?	Could you tell me



Yes/ No Questions

e.g.:

(Direct question)



Is it possible to raise your voice?

خطوات الحل :

يتم وضع احد اشكال الاسئله الغير مباشره من قبل واضع السؤال .

Can you tell me // Do you mindetc.



نضع if او whether من عند دار ابونا بحرف صغير يا محترم .

نعمل اقلاب بين الفاعل والفعل المساعد.(الفاعل في الجملة هو it يا ابو راس دونم.)

نضع الفعل المساعد كما هو دون تغيير. is

نكمل السؤال ونضع؟ في اخر السؤال.؟ مش تنسى يا ابو فيس بوووك.

الحل يصبح كالتالي

Do you mind **if** it is possible to raise your voice?

كمان مثال لعيونك يا

Were you watching TV at 3pm?

Could you tell me..... ?

الاجابه

Could you tell me **if you were** watching TV at 3pm?



Will he start his new project next week?

Do you mind telling me?

الحل

Can you tell me **if he will** start his new project next week?

What is the time, please?

Could you tell me what the time is, please?

Who is that man?

Do you know who that man is?

Why is the train late?

Do you mind telling me why the train is late?

Where is the nearest bank, please?

Could you tell me where the nearest bank is, please?

How did you solve the puzzle?

Could you explain how you solved this puzzle?

Is there a postbox near here, please?

Do you know if/whether there's a postbox near here, please?

Direct Question	Indirect Question
1-Is he Spanish?	Can you tell me?
2-Is the restaurant closing now?	Do you mind telling?
3-Was he late for the meeting?	Could you tell me?
4-Were you watching TV at 3pm?	Can you tell me?
5-Has Lucy been to Mexico?	Do you know.....?
6-Has she been living here long?	Can you tell me?
7-Had she found this job when she moved here?	Could you tell me?
8-Had she been living here long when she met you?	Do you know?
9-Will she start her new job next week?	Can you tell me if?
10-Is it going to rain later?	Could you tell me.....?
11-Will Lisa be meeting the boss later?	Do you mind telling me?
12-Will he have finished the report by tonight?	Could you tell me if.....?
13-Will he have been studying French for twenty years when he retires?	Can you tell me if.....?
14-Should we start now?	Do you mind telling me?

STOP!

تذكر السؤال الذي يحتوى على **do / does / did** تحذف

انظر الى هذه الأمثلة

Direct Question	Indirect Question
Where does David live?	Can you tell me where David lives ?
Why did Amanda call John yesterday?	Can you tell me why Amanda called John yesterday?
Direct Question	Indirect Question
Does David live in London?	Can you tell me if David lives in London?
Did Amanda call John yesterday?	Can you tell me if Amanda called John yesterday?

Where is the station?

Could you tell me where the station **is**? ~~NOT: Could you tell me where is the station?~~

5. Re-write these direct questions as indirect questions.

1 Where should I revise for exams?

Could you tell me

2 How much sleep do teenagers of our age need?

Do you know

3 Is it possible to improve your memory?

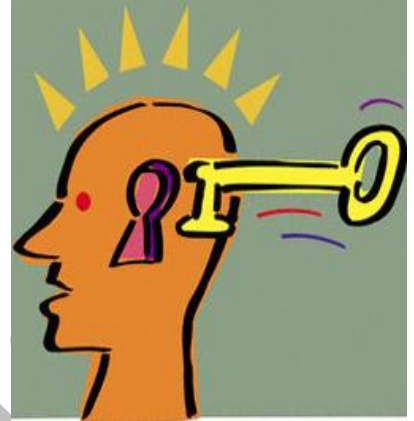
Do you know

4 What do you mean by 'mnemonics'?

Do you mind telling me

5 What should I do on the day before the exam?

Could you explain



4. Complete the questions with words from the box. Activity book p 35

how - how much - if - when - where -whether - who - why

1. Do you knowwe can take water into the exam?

2. Could you tell me..... this book costs, please?

3. Do you know..... I've passed my exam or not?

4. Do you mind telling me..... the library is?

5. Could you explain..... I can solve this Maths problem?

6. Could you possibly tell me..... the Arabic teacher is?

7. Do you know..... we'll know our results?

8. Do you mind explainingthe sky sometimes looks red?



5. Complete the following indirect questions. Activity book p (36)

1. Can you suggest a healthy breakfast?

Do you mind.....?

2. Please help me to plan my revision.

Do you mind.....?

3. How can I relax?

Do you explain.....?

4. Are we allowed to eat sweets during the exam?

..... **you know**.....?

5. Please tell me where you found that information.

..... **mind**

6. Does the exam start at ten or half past ten?

..... **whether**.....?

6. Re-arrange the words to make indirect questions.

1. if / revise / you / explain / I / the / could / best / wonder / to / way / .

.....

2. needs / you / much / sleep / how / a / do / know / teenager / ?

.....

3. should / much / I / do / could / you / revision / me / tell / how / ?

.....

4. mind / you / water / giving / a / glass / do / of / me / ?

.....

5. know / in / would / you / the / happen / whether / to / morning / or / the / in / exercise / is / better / evening / ?

.....

Complete the following indirect questions.

Could you explain the best way to revise? I wonder.....?

How much sleep does teenager need? Do you know.....?

How much revision should I do? Could you tell me.....?

Can you give me a glass of water? Do you mind.....?

Is exercise better in the morning or in the evening? Do you know.....?

الاجابه

Could you tell me..... ايمكنك ان تخبرني

Do you know..... هل تعرف

Would you happen to know..... هل تعرف

yes // No questions هذه الاسئلة لا تستخدم قبل اسئلة

Would you mind + ing..... الديك مانع ان تخبرني / هل تسمح بان تخبرني

Could you explain why // how..... هل يمكن ان توضح

وزارى

1. How can I get to Queen Alia Airport by public transport?

Could you tell me

2. Is there a connection between the amount of TV people watch and how fit they are?

Do you know.....

3. Are students allowed to navigate the internet during the open exam?

Do you know.....

4. Does the bell ring at eight or half past ten?

Do you know.....

1. "What can't we bring onto the plane"?

Could you tell me.....

