

Grammar Challenge

Indirect questions

Practice activities



GRAMMAR CHALLENGE



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Exercise 1:

Match the situations on the left with an indirect question on the right.

1.	You're not wearing your watch.
2.	You need to buy some stamps on holiday.
3.	The shop is still shut.
4.	You're surprised by what he did.
5.	You need to copy some documents at the library.
6.	You would like to introduce yourself to a beautiful stranger at a party.
7.	You are revising for a geography test.
8.	You want to lock the door.

a.	Have you any idea where my keys are?
b.	Could you tell me what time it is?
c.	Do you know what her name is?
d.	Can you tell me how to use the photocopier?
e.	Have you any idea when it opens?
f.	Can you tell me what the capital of Bolivia is?
g.	Have you any idea why he did that?
h.	Do you know where the post office is?

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Exercise 2:

You have to interview someone for a job in your company.

Choose the correct indirect questions that you'll ask from the options below.

Options

- 1: (A) Could you tell us what you studied at university?
(B) Could you tell us what did you study at university?

- 2: (A) Can you tell me how long you have been working in sales?
(B) Can you tell me how long have you been working in sales?

- 3: (A) Could you tell me why you want this job?
(B) Could you tell me why do you want this job?

- 4: (A) Can you tell us how long were you with your last company?
(B) Can you tell us how long you were with your last company?

- 5: (A) Would you mind telling me why did you leave your previous job?
(B) Would you mind telling me why you left your previous job?

- 6: (A) And finally, can you tell us what salary you expect?
(B) And finally, can you tell us what salary do you expect?

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- 6: (A) And finally, can you tell us what salary you expect?