

# Questions 2 (Do you know where ... ? / He asked me where ...)

A

Do you know where ... ? / I don't know why ... / Could you tell me what ... ? etc.

We say: Where ~~has~~ Tom gone?

but Do you know where Tom has gone? (not Do you know where has Tom gone?)

When the question (Where has Tom gone?) is part of a longer sentence (Do you know ... ? / I don't know ... / Can you tell me ... ? etc.), the word order changes. We say:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What time is it?        | but Do you know what time it is?            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Who are those people?   | I don't know who those people are.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where can I find Linda? | Can you tell me where I can find Linda?     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How much will it cost?  | Do you have any idea how much it will cost? |

Be careful with do/does/did questions. We say:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What time does the film begin? | but Do you know what time the film begins? |
|   | (not does the film begin)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What do you mean?              | Please explain what you mean.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Why did she leave early?       | I wonder why she left early.               |

Use if or whether where there is no other question word (what, why etc.):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Did anybody see you? | but Do you know if anybody saw you? |
|   | or ... whether anybody saw you?     |

B

He asked me where ... (reported questions)

The same changes in word order happen in reported questions. Compare:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> direct | The police officer said to us, 'Where are you going ?' |
| reported                        | The police officer asked us where we were going .      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> direct | Clare said, 'What time do the banks close ?'           |
| reported                        | Clare wanted to know what time the banks closed .      |

In reported speech the verb usually changes to the past (were, closed etc.). See Unit 47.

Study these examples. You had an interview for a job and these were some of the questions the interviewer asked you:



Are you willing to travel?

Why did you apply for the job?

What do you do in your spare time?

Can you speak any foreign languages?

How long have you been working in your present job?

Do you have a driving licence?

Later you tell a friend what the interviewer asked you. You use reported speech:

- ☐ She asked if (or whether) I was willing to travel.
- ☐ She wanted to know what I did in my spare time.
- ☐ She asked how long I had been working in my present job.
- ☐ She asked why I had applied for the job. (or ... why I applied)
- ☐ She wanted to know if (or whether) I could speak any foreign languages.
- ☐ She asked if (or whether) I had a driving licence.



# Exercises

## Unit 50

50.1 Make a new sentence from the question in brackets.

- 1 (Where has Tom gone?) Do you know where Tom has gone?
- 2 (Where is the post office?) Could you tell me where .....
- 3 (What's the time?) I wonder .....
- 4 (What does this word mean?) I want to know .....
- 5 (What time did they leave?) Do you know .....
- 6 (Is Sue going out tonight?) I don't know .....
- 7 (Where does Caroline live?) Do you have any idea .....
- 8 (Where did I park the car?) I can't remember .....
- 9 (Is there a bank near here?) Can you tell me .....
- 10 (What do you want?) Tell me .....
- 11 (Why didn't Kate come to the party?) I don't know .....
- 12 (How much does it cost to park here?) Do you know .....
- 13 (Who is that woman?) I have no idea .....
- 14 (Did Liz get my letter?) Do you know .....
- 15 (How far is it to the airport?) Can you tell me .....

50.2 You are making a phone call. You want to speak to Sue, but she isn't there. Somebody else answers the phone. You want to know three things:

- (1) Where has she gone? (2) When will she be back? and (3) Did she go out alone?

Complete the conversation:

- A: Do you know where ..... ? (1)  
 B: Sorry, I've got no idea.  
 A: Never mind. I don't suppose you know ..... (2)  
 B: No, I'm afraid not.  
 A: One more thing. Do you happen to know ..... ? (3)  
 B: I'm afraid I didn't see her go out.  
 A: OK. Well, thank you anyway. Goodbye.

50.3 You have been away for a while and have just come back to your home town. You meet Tony, a friend of yours. He asks you a lot of questions:

- 1 How are you?
- 2 Where have you been?
- 3 How long have you been back?
- 4 What are you doing now?
- 5 Why did you come back?
- 6 Where are you living?
- 7 Are you glad to be back?
- 8 Do you have any plans to go away again?
- 9 Can you lend me some money?



Tony

Now you tell another friend what Tony asked you. Use reported speech.

- 1 He asked me how I was.
- 2 He asked me .....
- 3 He .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....