

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What time <b>does the film start</b> ? | but <b>Do you know</b> what time <b>the film starts</b> ? |
|   | (not does the film start)                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What <b>do you mean</b> ?              | <b>Please explain</b> what <b>you mean</b> .              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Why <b>did she leave</b> early?        | <b>I wonder</b> why <b>she left</b> 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 <b>if</b> anybody saw you? |
|   | or ... <b>whether</b> 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"/> <i>direct</i> | The police officer said to us 'Where <b>are you going</b> ?' |
| <i>reported</i>                        | The police officer asked us where <b>we were going</b> .     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>direct</i> | Clare said 'What time <b>do the banks close</b> ?'           |
| <i>reported</i>                        | Clare wanted to know what time <b>the banks closed</b> .     |

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 other 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 other languages.
- She asked if (or whether) **I had** a driving licence.

# Exercises

**50.1** Which is right? Tick (✓) the correct alternative.

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| 1 a Do you know what time the film starts? ✓<br>b Do you know what time does the film start?<br>c Do you know what time starts the film?     | 5 a Why you didn't phone me yesterday?<br>b Why didn't you phone me yesterday?<br>c Why you not phoned me yesterday?  |
| 2 a Why Amy does get up so early every day?<br>b Why Amy gets up so early every day?<br>c Why does Amy get up so early every day?            | 6 a Do you know where does Helen work?<br>b Do you know where Helen does work?<br>c Do you know where Helen works?    |
| 3 a I want to know what this word means.<br>b I want to know what does this word mean.<br>c I want to know what means this word.             | 7 a How much it costs to park here?<br>b How much does it cost to park here?<br>c How much it does cost to park here? |
| 4 a I can't remember where did I park the car.<br>b I can't remember where I parked the car.<br>c I can't remember where I did park the car. | 8 a Tell me what you want.<br>b Tell me what you do want.<br>c Tell me what do you want.                              |

**50.2** Put the words in the correct order.

- (don't / Tom / where / know / gone / has) I don't know where Tom has gone .
- (is / to the airport / far / it) How don't know where Tom has gone ?
- (wonder / is / how / old / Tom) I don't know where Tom has gone .
- (Lisa / on holiday / going / is) When don't know where Tom has gone ?
- (tell / the post office / you / me / is / where)  
Could ..... ?
- (in the accident / injured / anyone / don't / whether / know / was)  
I ..... .
- (what / tomorrow / know / time / will / arrive / you / you)  
Do ..... ?

**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?      5 Why did you come back?      6 Where are you living?

2 Where have you been?      7 Are you glad to be back?

3 How long have you been back?      8 Do you have any plans to go away again?

4 What are you doing now?      9 Can you help me find a job?

Tony

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

- He asked me how I was. ....
- He asked me .....
- He .....
- .....
- .....
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- .....