**WORD ORDER II. – question formation**

1. **Can you** speak French? Why **are you** travelling there?
2. What **do you** prefer? **Did you** sleep well last night?
3. Why **didn’t you** like the film? **Isn’t this** a beautiful place?
4. **Who** did you give the money **to**? **What** was the film **about**?
5. **Who knows** the answer? **How many people came** to the party?
6. Could you tell me **what time it is**? Do you know **if anybody is coming**?

**Fill in the missing words to make the rules complete:**

**agree *do/does did* end invert polite subject surprise**

1. To make questions with modal verbs and with tenses where there is an auxiliary verb (*be, have,* etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **the subject and the modal/auxiliary verb**.
2. With the present and past simple, add \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before the subject.
3. We often use negative questions to show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or when we **expect somebody to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with us.**
4. If a verb is followed by a preposition, the preposition comes **at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the question**, e.g. *What are you talking about?* NOT ~~About what are you talking?~~
5. When who/what/which, etc. is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the question, **don’t use do/did**, e.g. *Who wrote this? Who lives in that house?*
6. Use indirect questions when you want to **ask a question in a more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_way**. *Where does she live?* (direct) *Could you tell me where she lives?* (indirect)

* In indirect questions the order is subject + verb: *Can you tell me where* ***it is****?* NOT ~~Can you tell me where is it?~~
* **Don’t use do / did** in the second part of the question: *Do you know where he lives?* NOT *~~does live~~*
* You can use***if*** or ***whether*** after Can you tell me, Do you know, etc.: *Can you tell me if/whether he’s at home?*
* *(pozn.* whether he/she/it is = je-li, whether..is not = není-li, whether it will be = bude-li)

**EXERCISES:**

**1) Circle the correct option:**

a) Do you know how far is it / it is from the hotel to the station?

b) Can you tell me where is the museum / the museum is?

c) How much is this camera / this camera is?

d) Where do you want / you want to go for your holiday?

e) Do you have any idea how much will it / it will cost?

f) Why are you / you are going away?

g) Do you know what time does the film begin / the film begins?

**2) Make a new sentence from the question in brackets.**

a) (Where is the nearest supermarket?) *Could you tell me where* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

b) (What time did they leave?) *Do you know* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

c) (Did Liz attend this class?) *Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

d) (How much does it cost to park here?) *Do you have any idea* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

e) (Will Tony be there tomorrow?) *Do you know* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**3) You are making a phone call. You want to speak to Carol, but she isn’t there. Her mother answers the phone. You need to know three things:**

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

**You:** Good afternoon, Mrs. Sheldon, can I talk to Carol?

**Carol’s mother:** Sorry. She has gone out.

**You:** Can you tell me where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Carol’s mother:** Sorry, I have no idea.

**You:** Never mind. And do you know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Carol’s mother:** Unfortunately not.

**You:** One more thing. Do you happen to know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Carol’s mother:**  Well, she mentioned a new classmate but I cannot remember his name.

**You:** Well, thank you anyway. Goodbye.

**4) Write the questions asking about the word in bold:**

Tina loves **Joe**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Tina** loves Joe. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

Marybroke **something.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**My sister** enjoys going on holiday. ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Alex bought a **new PC**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**The birds** woke me up! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

Chris saw **me** the other day. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**We** speak Italian fluently. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**5) Complete the questions:**

a)What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the film? (happen)

b) How often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exercise? (you /do)

c) Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the party last night? (you/not come)

d) Do you know when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ? (the swimming pool /open)

e) Who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mia’s purse? (steal)

f) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Paris tomorrow morning. (travel)

g) What kind of music \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ? (George / usually listen to)

h) Can you remember where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ? (she /live)

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