



QUESTIONS AND NEGATIVES



NEGATIVES

FORM

- We make negatives by adding NOT / N'T after the auxiliary verb.
- If there is no auxiliary verb, we add DO / DOES / DID.
 - I **haven't** seen her for ages.
 - You **shouldn't** have gone to so much trouble.
 - We **don't** like big dogs.
 - They **didn't** want to go out.
- Infinitives and -ing forms can be negative.
 - We decided **not to do** anything.
 - I like **not working**.
- When we introduce negative ideas with verbs such as think, believe, suppose, and imagine, we make the first verb negative, not the second.
 - I **don't think** you're right. *~~I think you aren't~~ right.



DIRECT QUESTIONS

TYPES OF QUESTIONS

- YES / NO QUESTIONS
 - *Do you like English?*
 - *Does your sister live in Boston?*
 - *Can his parents speak English?*
- WH QUESTIONS
 - Subject questions:
 - *Who loves your mom?*
 - Object questions:
 - *Who does your mom love?*
- TAG QUESTIONS
 - *You speak Chinese, **don't you?***

FORM

- Move the **auxiliary** or **modal** verb to the start of the sentence (inversion).
- The Present and Past Simple Tense have no auxiliary, so you have to add **DO / DOES / DID**.
- Subject questions don't use auxiliary verbs.

STATEMENT		QUESTION
Everybody is watching.	>	Is everybody watching?
Everybody had been working hard.	>	Had everybody been working hard?
He has been singing.	>	Has he been singing?
English is spoken all over the world.	>	Is English spoken all over the world?
They will have arrived by tonight.	>	Will they have arrived by tonight?
She would have been listening.	>	Would she have been listening?
They live here.	>	Do they live here?
Everybody laughed.	>	Did everybody laugh?
John broke the window.	>	Who broke the window?



INDIRECT QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE INDIRECT QUESTIONS?

- An indirect question is a question embedded inside a statement (i.e., a declarative sentence) or another question (i.e., an interrogative sentence).
- An indirect question does not warrant a question mark. Only a direct question does.
- Bear in mind that "if" and "whether" are not always interchangeable. "If" heads a condition. "Whether" doesn't.
- The word order of an indirect question is the same word order as a statement (subject-verb), not a question (verb-subject).

FORM

- In indirect questions, there is no inversion (the word order doesn't change from statements) and no do / does / did auxiliary verb.

Direct question: Where **is** the bank?

question word subject

Indirect question: Could you tell me where the bank **is**?

question word subject

YES / NO QUESTIONS

VERB TENSE	DIRECT QUESTION	INDIRECT QUESTION
Present Simple	Is he Spanish?	Could you tell me <u>if he is</u> Spanish?
	Does David live in London?	Could you tell me <u>if David lives</u> in London?
Past Simple	Was he late for the meeting?	Could you tell me <u>if he was</u> late for the meeting?
	Did Amanda call John yesterday?	Could you tell me <u>if Amanda called</u> John yesterday?
Present Continuous	Is the restaurant closing now?	Could you tell me <u>if the restaurant is closing</u> now?
Past Continuous	Were you watching TV at 3pm?	Could you tell me <u>if you were watching</u> TV at 3pm?
Present Perfect	Has Lucy been to Mexico?	Could you tell me <u>if Lucy has been</u> to Mexico?
Past Perfect	Had she found this job when she moved there?	Could you tell me <u>if she had found</u> this job when she moved there?

WH QUESTIONS

VERB TENSE	DIRECT QUESTION	INDIRECT QUESTION
Present Tense	Why is he unhappy?	I wonder <u>why he is</u> unhappy.
	Where does David live?	I wonder <u>where David lives</u> .
Past Tense	Why was he late for the meeting?	I wonder <u>why he was</u> late for the meeting.
	Why did Amanda call John?	I wonder <u>why Amanda</u> called John.
Present Continuous	When is the restaurant closing?	I wonder <u>when the restaurant is</u> closing.
Past Continuous	What were you doing at 3pm?	I wonder <u>what you were doing</u> at 3pm.
Present Perfect	Where has Lucy been?	I wonder <u>where Lucy has been</u> .
Past Perfect	Why had she quit her job before she moved there?	I wonder <u>why she had quit</u> her job before she moved there.



EXERCISES

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- Indirect questions with Present Simple:

<http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/indirect-questions-exercise-1.html>

- Indirect questions with Past Simple:

<http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/indirect-questions-exercise-2.html>

- Mixed tenses:

<http://perso.wanadoo.es/autoenglish/gr.inqu.p.htm>

<http://a4esl.org/q/h/vm/indirectques.html>