

Questions 2 (do you know where ... ? / he asked me where ...)

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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 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 Louise? | Can you tell me where I can find Louise? |
| <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 start ? | but Do you know what time the film starts ? |
| | (<i>not does the film start</i>) |
| <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 I don't know if anybody saw me. |
| | or ... whether anybody saw me. |

B

He asked me where ...

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

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

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

Study these examples. You had a job interview and the interviewer asked you these questions:



Are you willing to travel?

What do you do in your spare time?

How long have you been working in your present job?

Why did you apply for the job?

Can you speak any other languages?

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

50.2 Put the words in the correct order.

- (it / you / what time / know / is) Do you know what time it is ..?
- (is / to the airport / far / it) How ..?
- (wonder / is / how / old / Tom) I ..?
- (they / married / been / have) How long ..?
- (they / married / how long / been / have / know)
Do you ..?
- (tell / the station / 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 were visiting London. You met a lot of people who asked you a lot of questions:

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| 1  Where are you from? | 5  Where are you staying? |
| 2  How long have you been in London? | 6  How long are you going to stay? |
| 3  Have you been to London before? | 7  Do you think London is expensive? |
| 4  Do you like London? | 8  Why did you come to London? |

Now you tell a friend what people asked you. Use reported speech.

- He asked me where I was from.
- She asked me ..
- They ..
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