

INDIRECT QUESTIONS

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Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: **Could you tell me where the meeting is?**

Answer: It's upstairs. I'll show you; I'm going there too.

Remember: Use statement word order inside an indirect question; use if/whether for yes/no information.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. Could you tell me where you _____? (live)

Answer: _____

2. Can I ask what you _____ in your free time? (do)

Answer: _____

3. Do you know _____ there is a cafe nearby? (if)

Answer: _____

4. Could you tell me how much a bus ticket _____? (cost)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. you / could / tell / the / me / where / library / is

2. Sundays / the / know / on / opens / if / shop / do / you

3. travel / work / to / ask / can / you / how / I

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. live - Could you tell me where you live?

Sample answer: I live near the river, about ten minutes from the station.

2. do - Can I ask what you do in your free time?

Sample answer: I read and go cycling, depending on the weather.

3. if - Do you know if there is a cafe nearby?

Sample answer: Yes, there's a small cafe opposite the library.

4. costs - Could you tell me how much a bus ticket costs?

Sample answer: A single ticket costs two pounds, but a day ticket is better value.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Could you tell me where the library is?

2. Do you know if the shop opens on Sundays?

3. Can I ask how you travel to work?

TEACHER NOTES

Do not keep do/does/did or inversion inside the embedded clause. Capitals and ? belong to the whole question.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.