

Questions (2) (Do you know where . . . ? / She asked me where . . .)

A

We say:

- Where has Tom gone?

but Do you know where Tom has gone? (*not* Do you know where has Tom gone?)

When a 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. Compare:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What time is it? Who is that woman? Where can I find Linda? How much will it cost? | <i>but</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you know what time it is? I don't know who that woman is. Can you tell me where I can find Linda? Do you have any idea how much it will cost? |
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Be careful with do/does/did questions (*simple present and past*). We say:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What time does the movie begin? What do you mean? Why did Ann leave early? | <i>but</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you know what time the movie begins? (<i>not</i> Do you know what time does) Please explain what you mean. I wonder why Ann left early. |
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Use *if* or *whether* where there is no other question word (*what, why, etc.*):

- Did anybody see you? *but* Do you know *if* (*or whether*) anybody saw you?



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The same changes in word order happen in *reported* questions:

- direct:* The police officer said to us, "Where **are you going** ?"
- reported:* The police officer asked us where **we were going** .
- direct:* Claire asked, "What time **do the banks close** ?"
- reported:* Claire wanted to know what time **the banks closed** .

In reported questions, the verb usually changes to the past (*were/closed, etc.*). See Unit 44.

Study these examples. You had an interview for a job, and these were some of the questions the interviewer asked you:

 <p>INTERVIEWER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are you willing to travel? What do you do in your spare time? Do you have a driver's license? Can you use a computer? 	 <p>YOU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How long have you been working at your present job? Where did you go to school?
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Later you tell a friend what the interviewer asked you. You use reported speech:

- She asked (me) if I was willing to travel.
- She wanted to know what I did in my spare time.
- She asked (me) how long I had been working at my present job.
- She asked (me) where I had gone to school. (*or* . . . where I went)
- She wanted to know whether (*or if*) I could use a computer.
- She asked whether (*or if*) I had a driver's license.

Exercises

47.1 Make a new sentence from the question in parentheses.

1. (Where has Tom gone?) *Do you know where Tom has gone?* _____ ?
2. (Where is the post office?) Could you tell me where _____ ?
3. (What does this word mean?) I'd like to know _____ .
4. (Is Sue going out tonight?) I don't know _____ .
5. (Where does Carol live?) Do you have any idea _____ ?
6. (Where did I park the car?) I can't remember _____ .
7. (Is there a bank near here?) Can you tell me _____ ?
8. (What do you want?) Tell me _____ .
9. (Why didn't Liz come to the party?) I wonder _____ .
10. (Who is that woman?) I have no idea _____ .
11. (Did Ann get my letter?) Do you know _____ ?
12. (How far is it to the airport?) Can you tell me _____ ?


47.2 You are making a phone call. You want to speak to Amy, but she isn't there. Somebody else answers the phone. You want to know three things:

(1) *Where is Amy?* (2) *When will she be back?* and (3) *Did she go out alone?*

Complete the conversation:

- A: Do you know where _____ ? (1)
 B: Sorry, I have no idea.
 A: That's all right. I don't suppose you know _____ . (2)
 B: No, I'm afraid I don't.
 A: One more thing. Do you happen to know _____ ? (3)
 B: I'm afraid I didn't see her go out.
 A: OK. Well, thank you anyway. Good-bye.

47.3 You have been away for a while and have just come back to your hometown. You meet Tony, a friend of yours. He asks you a lot of questions:

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| 1. How are you? | 5. Where are you living? | 6. Why did you come back? |
| 2. Where have you been? | 
TONY | 7. Are you glad to be back? |
| 3. How long have you been back? | | 8. Do you plan to stay for a while? |
| 4. What are you doing now? | | 9. Can you lend me some money? |

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

1. *He asked me how I was.* _____
2. He asked me _____ .
3. He _____ .
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____