

THE FLATMATES

Quiz:

Indirect questions



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The Flatmates – Quiz – Direct and indirect questions

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For each of the six questions choose the one correct indirect equivalent.

1. Who did he speak to?
 - a. Can you tell me who he speaks to?
 - b. Can you tell me who did he spoke to?
 - c. Can you tell me who he spoke to?
 - d. Can you tell me who did he speak to?

2. What's your favourite food?
 - a. Can you tell me what food your is favourite?
 - b. Can you tell me what your favourite food is?
 - c. Can you tell me what favourite food is?
 - d. Can you tell me what food favourite is?

3. Where did she buy that?
 - a. Do you know where she did buy that?
 - b. Do you know where did she bought that?
 - c. Do you know where she bought that?
 - d. Do you know where she buy that?

4. Did she leave message?
 - a. Do you know she left a message?
 - b. Do you know if did she leave a message?
 - c. Do you know if whether she left a message?
 - d. Do you know if she left a message?

5. Why did she do that?
 - a. Do you have any idea why she did that?
 - b. Do you have any idea why she do that?
 - c. Do you have any idea why did she do that?
 - d. Do you have any idea why did she that?

6. Are you going?
 - a. Can you let me know whether you are going?
 - b. Can you let me know whether are you going?
 - c. Can you let me know whether if you are going?
 - d. Can you let me know whether do you are going?

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Answers

1. Who did he speak to?
 - a. Can you tell me who he speaks to? – Wrong – the verb 'speak' is in the wrong tense.
 - b. Can you tell me who did he spoke to? – Wrong – there is one extra word in this answer.
 - c. Can you tell me who he spoke to? – Correct – this is how you can ask an indirect question.**
 - d. Can you tell me who did he speak to? – Wrong – this is partly an indirect question and partly a direct question. You can't mix the two types in one sentence.

2. What's your favourite food?
 - a. Can you tell me what food your is favourite? Wrong – this is the incorrect word order.
 - b. Can you tell me what your favourite food is? – Correct – this is how you can ask an indirect question.**
 - c. Can you tell me what favourite food is? ? – Wrong – there is a word missing from this answer.
 - d. Can you tell me what food favourite is? Wrong – check the word order.

3. Where did she buy that?
 - a. Do you know where she did buy that? – Wrong – the verb 'buy' is in the wrong form and there is one extra word in this answer.
 - b. Do you know where did she bought that? – Wrong - there is one extra word in this answer.
 - c. Do you know where she bought that? – Correct – this is how you can ask an indirect question.**
 - d. Do you know where she buy that? – Wrong – the verb 'buy' is in the wrong tense.

4. Did she leave a message?
 - a. Do you know she left a message? – Wrong – there is one word missing from this answer.
 - b. Do you know if did she left a message? – Wrong – there is one extra word in this answer.
 - c. Do you know if whether she left a message? – Wrong - there is one extra word in this answer.
 - d. Do you know if she left a message? – Correct – this is how you can ask an indirect question.**

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5. Why did she do that?

- a. **Do you have any idea why she did that? – Correct – this is how you can ask an indirect question.**
- b. Do you have any idea why she do that? – Wrong – the verb 'do' is in the wrong tense.
- c. Do you have any idea why did she do that? – Wrong - this is partly an indirect question and partly a direct question. You can't mix the two types in one sentence.
- d. Do you have any idea why did she that? – Wrong – the word order is incorrect.

6. Are you going?

- a. **Can you let me know whether you are going? – Correct – this is how you can ask an indirect question.**
- b. Can you let me know whether are you going? - Wrong – check the word order.
- c. Can you let me know whether if you are going? - Wrong - there is one extra word in this answer.
- d. Can you let me know whether do you are going? – Wrong – there is one extra word in this answer.

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