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.
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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