

Indirect questions

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- 1. USUALLY BEGIN WITH "COULD YOU TELL ME...?/DO YOU KNOW...?"
- 2. ONLY ONE QUESTION VERB FORM (Could you tell... / do you know...?) at the beginning of the sentence
 - no question inversion
 - no question auxiliaries (DO, DOES, DID), but keep the same grammar tense!
- 3. IN CASE OF NO QUESTION WORDS (where, how, etc.), USE "IF"


TIME TO PRACTICE...


- CHANGE THE DIRECT QUESTIONS INTO INDIRECT ONES

Begin with "Could you tell me.../Do you know...?"

(make a note of your answers, you'll find the **answer key** in the end)

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- 1. What's your maiden name?
 - 2. Where do you come from?
 - 3. Why are you here today?
 - 4. Have you had any operations in the past?
 - 5. Have you ever travelled by plane?
 - 6. Are you doing any exercises?
 - 7. Did you sleep well?
 - 8. Are you in charge of this office?
 - 9. When does the next train leave?
 - 10. Does Anna live in your neighbourhood?

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- Are you ready?
 - This is the ANSWER KEY...

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- 1. **Could you tell me** what your maiden name is?
 - 2. **Could you tell me** where you come from?
 - 3. **Do you know** why you are here today?
 - 4. **Do you know if** you've had any operations in the past?
 - 5. **Could you tell me if** you've ever travelled by plane?
 - 6. **Could you tell me if** you're doing any exercises?
 - 7. **Do you know if** you slept well?
 - 8. **Could you tell me if** you're in charge of this office?
 - 9. **Do you know** when the next train leaves?
 - 10. **Do you know if** Anna lives in your neighbourhood?

Way to go 😊



- Thank you for your attention.
- Wish you good luck

