



## Grammar

### Indirect speech: Questions – Exercise

**Exercise 1: Put the following questions into Indirect Speech.**

**Example:**

He asked, 'Has anyone seen Jim?'

... He asked if anyone had seen Jim....

1. I asked them, 'Is this clause negotiable?'

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2. She asked me, 'What are you doing tomorrow?'

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3. She asked Simon, 'Will you be showing us the caves?'

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4. He enquired, 'Why is everyone so tense today?'

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5. He asked Jill, 'Where are you going this evening?'

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6. I asked my teacher, 'How far are these galaxies?'

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7. I enquired, 'Why hasn't this issue been reported?'

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8. She asked him, 'Did you use to be a soldier?'

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9. She enquired, 'How many people are going to be fired?'

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10. The lawyer enquired, 'Was there a witness?'

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11. The waiter asked me, 'Which jacket is yours?'

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12. She asked him, 'What did you do last night?'

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13. He enquired, 'How long has this row been going on?'

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14. I asked them, 'How many tickets would you like?'

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15. Jane asked Matt, 'Who is going to drive this evening?'

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**Exercise 2: Complete each sentence to change the direct question into an indirect polite question.**

**Example:**

Where is the bathroom?

... Could you tell me **where the bathroom is.** ...

1. How did this happen?

I'm wondering .....

2. Who made this decision?

We'd like to know .....

3. Who should we talk to?

We were wondering .....

4. Did you make a profit last year?

May I ask .....

5. Where can I find a post box?

Could you tell me .....



6. What is this all about?

Would you mind telling me .....

7. Why have you adopted this policy?

We're curious to know .....

8. Are you married?

Would you mind my asking .....

9. Do you intend to cooperate with us?

We'd like to ask .....

10. How have you reached your conclusion?

I was wondering .....

**Exercise 3: Put the following sentences into Indirect Speech using one of these reporting verbs: asked, told, invited, suggested, advised, offered, apologised.**

**Example:**

He said to me, 'Could you spell your name please?' (request) ... **He asked me to spell my name. ...**

1. He said, 'Why don't we meet again next week?'

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2. She said to him, 'Would you like to visit the facilities?'

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3. The receptionist said to us, 'Shall I call you a taxi?'

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4. She said, 'I'm sorry I'm late.'

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5. Their father said to them, 'Sit quietly.'

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6. She said to Paul, 'Will you pick up the kids please?'

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7. The doctor said (to us), 'I'm sorry I kept you waiting.'

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8. I said to her, 'You should give up smoking.'

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9. He said to everyone, 'Help yourselves to the drinks.'

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10. My sister said, 'Shall we invite our friends round?'

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11. She said to us, 'Would you follow me upstairs please?'

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12. The travel agent said, 'Shall I find out the flight details?'

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13. The policeman said to the suspect, 'Don't Move!'

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14. He said to her, 'Would you like to join my class?'

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15. Jack said to me, 'You shouldn't trust either of them.'

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