



## Indirect Questions

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How are you?

Could you tell me how you are

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How are you?

Direct



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Could you tell me how you are?

Indirect





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 Reported speech\*

 Polite

 Asking for favours/requests



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Could you tell me how you are

Do you know if she's OK



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Could you tell me how you are

Do you know if she's OK

*Question phrase*

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Could you tell me how you are

Do you know if she's OK

*Question word*

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Could you tell me how you are

Do you know if she's OK

*Subject*

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Could you tell me how you are

Do you know if she's OK

Verb

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Could you tell me how you are

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

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Could you tell me how you are

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Could you tell me how you are

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

How + adjective  
Could you tell me how  
old you are?

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Could you tell me how you are

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

What + noun  
Could you tell me what  
colour you like?

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Could you tell me how you are

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

Which + noun  
Could you tell me which  
book you prefer?

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Could you tell me how you are

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

Whose + noun  
Could you tell me whose  
house this is?

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Modal Verb

Could you tell me where we can  
park

Question phrase + question word + subject + modal verb  
+ infinitive verb

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Modal Verb

Could you tell me which  
attractions we could visit

Question phrase + question word (+noun) + subject +  
modal verb + infinitive verb

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Auxiliary Verb

Could you tell me where he has gone

Question phrase + question word + subject + auxiliary verb + second verb

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Auxiliary Verb

Could you tell me where he is going

Question phrase + question word + subject + auxiliary verb + second verb

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Could you tell me how you are

Do you know if she's OK

Question phrase

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Do you know **if** she's OK

*If / whether*

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Do you know if **she's** OK

*Subject*

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Do you know if she's **OK**

*Verb*

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Do you know if she's OK

Question phrase + if + subject + verb

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Modal Verb

Do you know if she can drive

Question phrase + if + subject + modal verb + infinitive

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Modal Verb

Do you know whether he might  
visit me

Question phrase + whether + subject + modal verb +  
infinitive

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Auxiliary Verb

Do you know whether he will visit me

Question phrase + whether + subject + auxiliary verb + second verb

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Could you tell me how you are  
Do you know if she's s OK

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Where does he work?

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

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Where does he work?

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

I would like to know + where + he + verb

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Where ~~does~~ he work?

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

I would like to know + where + he + works

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Where ~~does~~ he work?

I would like to know where he works

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Who ~~do~~ you like?

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

*I would like to know + who + you + like*

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Where ~~did~~ he go?

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

*Could you tell me + where + he + went*

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- ✎ Don't use a question mark
- ✎ Be aware of word order

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Could you tell me where is the shop

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

Could you tell me + where + the shop + is

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- ⦿ Don't use a question mark
- ⦿ Be aware of word order
- ⦿ Watch out for whether and if

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whether

if

⦿ Formal

⦿ Informal

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- ✎ Don't use a question mark
- ✎ Be aware of word order
- ✎ Watch out for whether and if
- ✎ Replace subjects with "to"

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I was wondering how I lock the door

Question phrase + question word + subject + verb

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I was wondering how to lock the door

Question phrase + question word + to + verb

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- Don't use a question mark
- Be aware of word order
- Watch out for whether and if
- Replace subjects with "to"
- "Who" can be a subject

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Who does he like?

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Who does he like?

*I was wondering + who + he + likes*

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Who ate the chocolate?

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Who ate the chocolate?

*I was wondering + who + ate (the chocolate)*

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| With Question Word                                                                        | Yes/No                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Question phrase + question word* + subject + verb<br><small>*+ adjective / + noun</small> | Question phrase + if + subject + verb                         |
| Question phrase + question word + subject + modal verb + infinitive verb                  | Question phrase + if + subject + modal verb + infinitive      |
| Question phrase + question word + subject + auxiliary verb + second verb                  | Question phrase + if + subject + auxiliary verb + second verb |

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