

Questions Error Correction Answers

Spot the mistake in each of these questions. Explain why this is incorrect then provide the correction in each case.

1. Where did you went on holiday last year?

In the past simple, questions use the structure did + infinitive.

Where did you go on holiday last year?

2. What you would do if you win the lottery?

This is a typical second conditional question. The structure is question word + would + subject + infinitive, if + subject + past simple ...

✓ What would you do if you won the lottery?

3. Who did arrive late to the meeting?

The question word "who" is the subject so you don't need an auxiliary verb.

✓ Who arrived late to the meeting?

4. Do you are waiting for the bus?

In the present continuous, the auxiliary verb is "be". As a direct question, the auxiliary verb comes before the subject.

Are you waiting for the bus?

5. To who are you talking?

Prepositions naturally come at the end of questions.

Wh are you talking to?

6. Could you tell me when does the train leave?

In indirect questions, the subject and verb are not inverted. In the present simple tense, we don't require an auxiliary verb in indirect questions.

Could you tell me when the train leaves?

7. Could you tell me what does this word mean?

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Could you tell me what this word means.

8. Why you didn't call me back?

In negative questions, the auxiliary "didn't" comes before the subject.

✓ Why didn't you call me back?

9. You're coming tonight, isn't it?

In question tags, the subject and tag verb must match the main statement.

✓ You're coming tonight, aren't you?

10. Do you prefer tea or do you like coffee more?

Restrictive choice questions need to be precise and often use "would rather".

Do you prefer tea of would you rather have coffee?

11. Where I can find the HR office?

In direct questions with a modal verb, the modal verb comes before the subject.

Where can I find the HR office?

12. What would you do if you will lose your job?

This is a typical second conditional question. The structure is question word + would + subject + infinitive, if + subject + past simple ...

✓ What would you do if you lost your job?

13. Haven't you submitted the report yesterday?

This requires the past simple due to the time word "yesterday". The past simple question structure would be did/didn't + subject + infinitive...

☑ Didn't you submit the report yesterday?

14. That you are responsible for this project?

We don't start questions with "that", we need to follow a typical tense structure.

✓ Are you the one responsible for this project?

15. You finished already?

This is a typical present perfect question due to the time word "already". The present perfect question structure would be have/has + subject + past participle.

✓ Have you already finished?