

Indirect Questions Error Correction

Look at each sentence. They are all incorrect. Explain why the sentence is incorrect and write the correct sentence in the spaces provided.

1) Could you tell me where is she today

EXPLANATION

After the question phrase, we must use the question word (where) then the subject (she) then the verb (is).

CORRECT SENTENCE

Could you tell me where she is today

2) Are you able to explain why didn't you do your homework?

EXPLANATION

After the question phrase, we use the question word (why) then subject (you) then auxiliary verb (didn't) and finally the main verb (do).

CORRECT SENTENCE

Are you able to explain why you didn't do your homework?

3) Would you mind describing which is house yours?

EXPLANATION

When using a noun with "which", it comes after. Then we use the verb (is).

CORRECT SENTENCE

Would you mind explaining which house is yours.

4) Can I ask where should we meet at 4pm?

EXPLANATION

After the question phrase, we must use the question word (where) then the subject (we) then the auxiliary verb (should) then main verb (meet).

CORRECT SENTENCE

Can I ask where we should meet at 4pm

5) Would you mind telling me when arrives he at the station?

EXPLANATION

After the question phrase, we must use the question word (when) then the subject (he) then the verb (arrives).

CORRECT SENTENCE

Would you mind telling me when he arrives at the station

6) I have no idea if she did get on the plane.

EXPLANATION

In indirect questions in the past simple, we don't require any auxiliary verbs. The main verb (get) is written in past simple form (got).

CORRECT SENTENCE

I have no idea if she got on the plane

7) I was hoping you could tell me whether is she at work today or not.

EXPLANATION

After the question phrase, we must use the word if, then the subject (she) then the verb (is).

CORRECT SENTENCE

I was hoping you could tell me whether she is at work today or not

8) I'd like to know if will we go to the supermarket today.

EXPLANATION

After the question phrase, we must use the word if, then the subject (we) then the auxiliary verb (will) and finally the main verb (go).

CORRECT SENTENCE

I'd like to know if we will go to the supermarket today.

9) May I ask where do you work?

EXPLANATION

In indirect questions in the present simple, we don't require an auxiliary verb, simply the main verb (work).

CORRECT SENTENCE

May I ask where you work?

10) I'd like to know where watch to the film tonight.

EXPLANATION

After the question phrase, we must use the question word (where) then the replace the subject with "to" before the main verb (watch).

CORRECT SENTENCE

I'd like to know where to watch the film tonight.

11) I'd like to know who the house locked up.

EXPLANATION

In this case, who acts as a subject so the verb goes after it and the object after that.

CORRECT SENTENCE

I'd like to know who locked up the house.