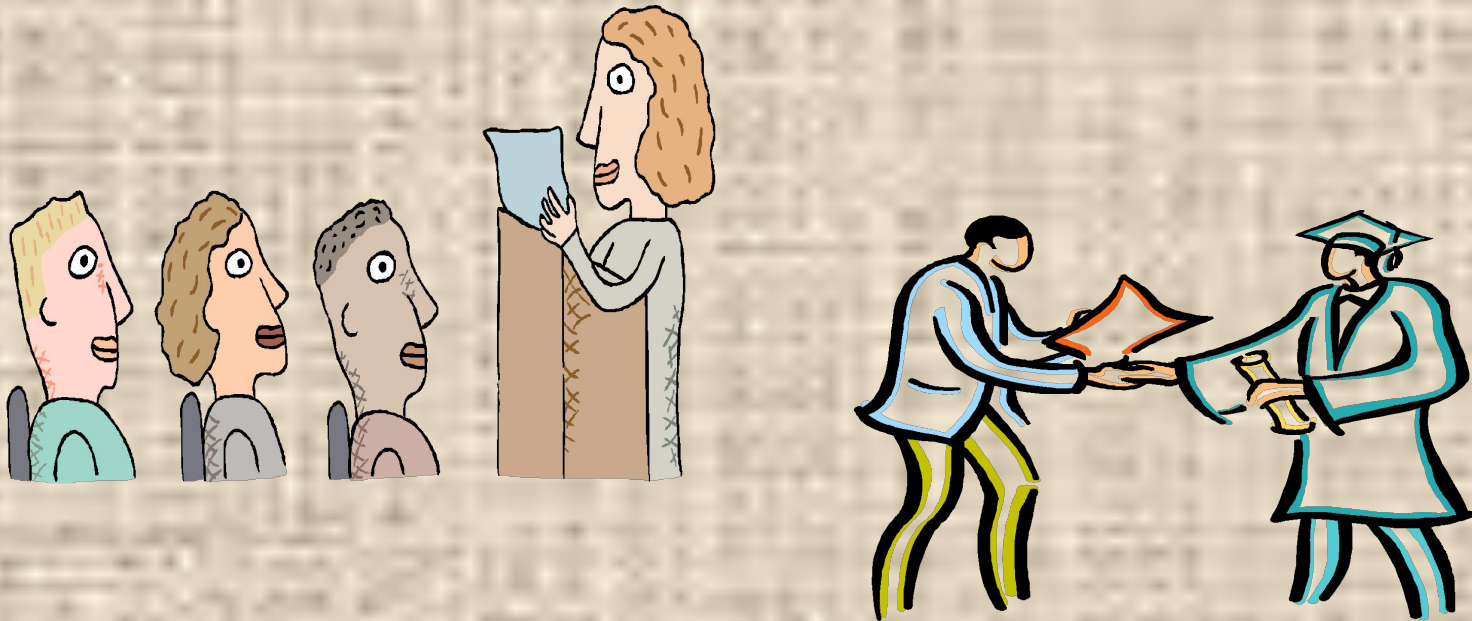


Indirect Questions

✓ When/Why/How?

When?



For formal occasions
To talk to strangers/teachers.....

Why?
To be polite!



How?

. . . a sentence with 2 clauses;
the second clause contains a
question.

*BUT, the structure of the
question is in sentence form.

Examples . . .

Regular Question:

Where is your college?

What qualifications do you need to apply?

How much does a course cost?

Indirect Question:

Would you mind telling me where your college is please?.

Do you know what qualifications you need to apply?.

I was wondering how much a course costs.

How?

For indirect questions, we start with an introductory clause. This is a main clause. It can be a sentence or a question.

Tell me...
I don't know . . . *Do you know...?*

Can you tell me...?

Do you have any idea...?

I wonder...

Main clause:

I'd like to know...

Tell me...

I don't know...

I wonder...

Dependent clause:

Wh- questions:

...WHEN the course starts.

...WHERE your college is.

...HOW much the course costs.



Do you know...?

Can you tell me...?

Do you have any
idea...?

Yes/No questions:

...IF there is financial help for
overseas students?

...WHETHER we can visit
Cambridge before we start?

Grammar Tips:

Remember: When you are writing the dependent clause in an Indirect Question, do NOT use Do, Does, or Did.

Examples:

regular question: Where did the teacher go?

indirect question: Do you know WHERE did ~~the teacher go?~~

correct => Do you know WHERE the teacher went?

Note: After the WH- word, IF, or WHETHER . . .
Use a sentence, NOT a question.

Quiz Time!

Complete each sentence so that it means the same as the sentence before it.

- What's your name?

Can I ask you

- Where are you from?

I was wondering

- What kind of room would you like?

Can you tell me

- Do you have any hobbies?

I would like to know.....

- What do you want to study?

I need to know.....

Now, let's check...

- What's your name?

Can I ask you **what your name is**? 

- Where are you from?

I was wondering **where you are from**. 

- What kind of room would you like?

Can you tell me **what kind of room you would like**? 

- Do you have any hobbies?

I would like to know **if you have any hobbies**. 

- What do you want to study?

I need to know **what you want to study**. 