INDIRECT QUESTIONS

What's your name? → a **direct** question

Can you tell me what your name is? → an **indirect** question

* **In indirect questions the word order is AFFIRMATIVE: S + V**

**There is no DO / DOES / DID.**

* When there's no question word, we use **IF** or **WHETHER**:

Do you know him? Im not sure **if / whether** you know him.

* The most common expressions that introduce indirect questions:

**I wonder**

**I don't know**

**I've no idea**

**I haven't a clue**

**I'd like to know**

**I'm not sure** what time the train for London leaves.

**I can't remember**

**Can/could you tell me**

**Have you any idea**

**Do you happen to know**

**Do you remember**

We often make indirect questions when we want to be more polite.

**Make these questions indirect.**

l. Where does she live?

2. Who won the match?

3. Did they show you the way?

4. Have you ever been to Paris?

5. How often do they go abroad?

6. When was the company founded?

7. Is the president going to resign?

8. Are you waiting for the bus?

9. Which platform does the train leave from?

10. Does your manager often go on business trips?

11. What were you looking for?

12. How many books has she read this month?

13. Where does the meeting take place?

14. Who will become the next Prime Minister?

15. Do the British speak many foreign languages?

16. What's the time?

17. Why did they arrest Paul Benson?

18. Are they going to close down the factory?

19. Did they sell their old car?

20. Were you tired last night?

21. How much do*e*s this coat cost?

22. Can you play the guitar?

23. Why did the police shoot at him?