

## Making an indirect question with “Do you know?”

In English, a “double question” is considered bad grammar, similar to a “double negative”. So, when we ask a question starting with “Do you know .....?”, we must continue using an affirmation, and not another question. Here are two examples:

Direct question: What is it?  
Indirect question (incorrect): ~~Do you know what is it?~~ (question + question: bad grammar)  
Indirect question (correct): Do you know what it is? (question + affirmation: correct)

Direct question: Where does he work?  
Indirect question (incorrect): ~~Do you know where does he work?~~ (question + question)  
Indirect question (correct): Do you know where he works? (question + affirmation)

### 1. The verb “to be”

- Where **is he**? → Do you know where **he is**?
- What colour **is her car**? → Do you know what colour **her car is**?
- **Was he** a happy child? → Do you know **if he was** a happy child?
- **Are we** the first to arrive? → Do you know **if we are** the first to arrive?

### 2. do/does/did

- Where **does he live**? → Do you know where he **lives**?
- Where **did you see** him? → Do you know where you **saw** him?
- **Does he live** here? → Do you know **if he lives** here?
- **Did he take** an umbrella? → Do you know **if he took** an umbrella?

### 3. Other auxiliary verbs

- What **will the result be**? → Do you know what **the result will be**?
- Why **has he skipped** lunch? → Do you know why **he has skipped** lunch?
- **Will the result be** shown? → Do you know **if the result will be** shown?
- **Has he visited** Paris? → Do you know **if he has visited** Paris?

**Exercise.** Convert the following questions:

1. What is love? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Does he have a car? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
3. What is he reading now? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
4. When will he arrive at home? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Have they arrived? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Did they arrive yesterday? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Were you alone? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
8. How much money does he have? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
9. Who will be the next president? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?
10. Has the rain stopped? Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?