

Activity Type

Interactive reading and writing exercises

Language Focus

Direct and indirect questions

Aim

To learn and practice how to form indirect questions.

Preparation

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This direct and indirect questions interactive worksheet helps to teach students how to change direct questions into indirect ones.

Procedure

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Read through the grammar explanation and review the indirect question examples together with the class.

Students then use the information from the first worksheet to change direct questions into indirect questions using polite expressions.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. Could you tell me where the station is?
2. Could you let me know if you are coming to the party?
3. Could you explain how it works?
4. Could you tell me if Lucy has been to Mexico?
5. I'd like to know where you are from.
6. Do you know how long it takes to get there?
7. Do you have any idea what you are doing?
8. Do you know what time you are leaving?
9. Could you tell me if he is a lawyer?
10. I was wondering if you drink coffee.

After that, students rewrite indirect questions in the correct word order.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. Would you mind telling me where the nearest bank is?
2. I'd like to know how to make an indirect question.
3. Could you tell me how to get an 'A' in this class?
4. Do you know what the weather will be like tomorrow?
5. Could you tell me how long you have been studying English?
6. I was wondering what you do in your free time?
7. I'd be interested to hear what you think of these questions.

Finally, put pairs into breakout rooms. The students then practice asking and answering the questions with their partner.