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Indirect questions • Question tags
Idioms • Phrasal verbs – common phrasal verbs

Tell me about it!

Indirect questions

1 Yes/No questions

1 Complete the questions with the correct form of *do*, *be*, and *have*.

Quiz 1

- 1 Is the Gobi desert in Asia?
- 2 all fish lay eggs?
- 3 dinosaurs lay eggs?
- 4 John F. Kennedy the youngest American president?
- 5 there ever been a female president of the USA?
- 6 the Olympic Games ever been held in the same city more than once?
- 7 Japan have a president?
- 8 John Lennon ever live in New York?

2 Wh- questions

1 Complete the questions with *what*, *when*, *where*, *who*, or *which*.

Quiz 2

- 1 Which countries have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea?
- 2 is measured by the Richter Scale?
- 3 does the word 'alphabet' come from?
- 4 was the first man in space?
- 5 does NASA stand for?
- 6 did Prince Rainier of Monaco marry?
- 7 did Nelson Mandela become President of South Africa?
- 8 Caribbean island did Bob Marley come from?

2 Now answer the questions. If you aren't sure, use these phrases.

I don't know if ...	I've no idea if ...
I'm not sure if ...	I can't remember if ...

- 1 I've no idea if the Gobi desert is in Asia.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

2 Now answer the questions. If you aren't sure, use these phrases.

I don't know ...	I've no idea ...
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- 1 I'm not sure which countries have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

3 Do you know where ...?

Complete the sentences.

- 1 A Where's the cinema?
B I'm afraid I don't know where the cinema is.
- 2 A Could you tell me _____ ?
B I'm sorry, I haven't got a watch.
- 3 A Where have I put my keys?
B You're always forgetting _____ !
- 4 A What are you giving your father for his birthday?
B I haven't decided _____ yet.
- 5 A Did you post my letter?
B I can't remember _____ or not.

- 6 A Whose coat is this?
B I've no idea _____ .
- 7 A Are you going on the rollercoaster?
B I'm not sure _____ .
- 8 A Do you know _____ our new teacher _____ ?
B Yes, her name's Jenny Carter. She's over there.
- 9 A How much did Frankie's trainers cost?
B I haven't a clue _____ .
- 10 A Where does Andrew get all his money from?
B No idea. I'd love to know _____ his job _____ .

4 Newspaper headlines

Write indirect questions about the newspaper headlines.

Man wins record amount on lottery

- 1 he'll / away / wonder / give / I / if / any / it / of
I wonder if he'll give any of it away.

OLDEST MAN IN WORLD CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

- 2 is / don't / how / he / we / know / old / exactly

- 3 birthday / celebrate / wonder / going / I / how / he's / his / to

Bank robber escapes from prison

- 4 managed / how / get / nobody / out / he / knows / to

- 5 helped / escape / wonder / who / I / to / him

Actress marries husband no 7

- 6 know / didn't / she'd / many / I / been / so / times / married

- 7 if / wonder / I / this / last / be / will / time / the

Shock defeat for Brazilian football team

- 8 know / what / like / to / the / I'd / score / was

- 9 doesn't / headline / the / say / were / they / against / playing / who

10-year-old boy gets medical degree

- 10 wonder / how / I / graduated / quickly / he / so

- 11 wonder / I / he / doctor / if / a / good / is

5 Visiting a city

1 Read about Montreal. Then complete the questions below.

MONTREAL

Montreal in Canada is the largest French-speaking city in the world next to Paris. It has a population of 2.8 million of which two thirds have French ancestry. French is the official language, but English is almost as common. There are language laws that require French writing in public

places to be twice as large as English.

Montreal is situated on the Saint Lawrence Seaway and is a vital port for ships travelling to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic. It lies below Mount Royal, the ancient volcano after which the city is named. It was "discovered" in 1535 by the French explorer Jacques Cartier and is a wonderful mix of old and new – ancient stone buildings alongside modern, glass and steel.

The climate is one of extremes: summers are hot, 27°C, but winter temperatures average only -10°C and winter lasts four to five months. However, in order that you don't have to suffer such cold, they have built an underground city called 'La Ville Souterraine'. This is one of Montreal's most amazing sights with nearly 20 miles of walkways below street level. You can shop, have lunch, watch a movie, and enter a hotel without ever going outside!

The city celebrates the arts in a big way. Visitors from all over the world travel to Montreal for its many film and jazz festivals. It's also the gourmet capital of North America. Not only can you find some of the world's finest restaurants (over 5,000), but on nearly every street corner you can buy 'poutine', a delicious dish of French fries served with hot cheese and brown gravy.

All in all Montreal has much to offer. It is one of the most interesting cities in North America.



2 **Tell** Complete the questions about Montreal.

1 A Can you tell me what **the population of Montreal is?**

B 2.8 million.

2 A I've no idea how many _____.

B Two thirds.

3 A Do you know what _____?

B French.

4 A I'm not sure exactly where _____.

B On the Saint Lawrence Seaway, below Mount Royal.

5 A I haven't a clue who _____.

B The French explorer, Jacques Cartier, in 1535.

6 A I wonder what _____ like.

B They are a wonderful mix of ancient and modern.

7 A Could you tell me how long _____?

B About four to five months.

8 A Do you know why _____?

B So that you can shop and keep warm in winter.

9 A I don't know if _____.

B There are lots. People come to them from all over the world.

10 A Have you any idea where _____?

B It's sold on nearly every street corner.

Grammar revision

6 Questions with a preposition at the end

! 1 Many verbs have dependent prepositions.
 speak **to** talk **about** look **for**
 dance **with** think **about** point **at**

2 When we ask a question about the object of the sentence, the preposition usually comes at the end.
 What did you talk **about**?
 What were you looking **for**?
 Who did she dance **with**?
 What are you pointing **at**?
 What are you thinking **about**?

1 Make questions from the statements, asking about the words in *italics*.

- 1 A **Who are you looking at?**
 B I'm looking at *that man*.
- 2 A _____ ?
 B He's waiting for *his girlfriend*.
- 3 A _____ ?
 B She works for *IBM*.
- 4 A _____ ?
 B We're talking about *where to go on holiday*.
- 5 A _____ ?
 B I stayed with *some friends*.
- 6 A _____ ?
 B That bike belongs to *me*.
- 7 A _____ ?
 B The letter is from *the electricity company*.
- 8 A _____ ?
 B He died of *old age*.
- 9 A _____ ?
 B I'm worried about *the exams*.
- 10 A _____ ?
 B I'm writing to *my friend in Rome*.
- 11 A _____ ?
 B I'm staring at *the mess you've made in the kitchen*.



2 **112** Complete the conversations with a short question.

- 1 A Althea's getting married.
 B **Who to?**
- 2 A Come here! I want to talk to you!
 B _____ ?
- 3 A I'd like a taxi, please.
 B _____ ?
- 4 A Give me a cloth! Quick!
 B _____ ?
- 5 A I had lunch at Le Bistro yesterday.
 B _____ ?
- 6 A My parents were absolutely furious with me!
 B _____ ?
- 7 A Ssh! I'm thinking!
 B _____ ?
- 8 A Don't you think you should apologize to her?
 B _____ ?
- 9 A Pat and I had an argument, as usual.
 B _____ ?
- 10 A Eat your lunch.
 B _____ ?
 I haven't got a knife and fork!

Question tags

7 Complete the tag

Add the correct question tag.

- 1 Montreal's in Canada, isn't it?
- 2 You don't like onions, _____ ?
- 3 You're going to university, _____ ?
- 4 We had a lovely holiday, _____ ?
- 5 It's hot today, _____ ?
- 6 You can't use a computer, _____ ?
- 7 You won't forget, _____ ?
- 8 We don't have to go yet, _____ ?
- 9 You haven't met my parents, _____ ?
- 10 They didn't like the film, _____ ?

8 What do you say?

1 **T 11.3** Write a sentence for each situation with the verb in brackets and a question tag.

1 You're in a restaurant. Your daughter is playing with her food. You can tell she isn't happy. (like)

You don't like your food, do you?

2 You and your friend are going to a party. He doesn't like parties and looks miserable. (want)

_____ ?

3 You went to a restaurant with your brother. He had three desserts. After dinner he looks ill. (eat)

_____ ?

4 You're out shopping. Your friend sees a dress that is absolutely beautiful, so she tries it on. (is lovely)

_____ ?

5 You go to a concert. It's brilliant. What do you say to your friend as you're leaving? (was wonderful)

_____ ?

6 You're in the cinema. Your friend isn't enjoying the horror film because it's very scary. (enjoy)

_____ ?



2 **T 11.4** Ask people to do things, or ask for information, with negative question tags.

1 It's raining, and you need to go to the station. Pete has a car. Perhaps he could give you a lift.

Pete, you couldn't give me a lift to the station, could you?

2 You're broke. Maybe Sue could lend you some money.

Sue, _____ ?

3 You've lost your sunglasses. Perhaps Nuria knows where they are.

Nuria, _____ ?

4 You need a red pen. Perhaps Ravi's got one.

Ravi, _____ ?

5 You're looking for Bill. Maybe Sarah has seen him.

Sarah, _____ ?

6 You need change for a twenty-euro note. Maybe the newspaper seller could change it for you.

Excuse me, you _____ ?

3 In exercise 1, do the question tags go up or down? What about the question tags in Exercise 2?

9 Conversations

T 11.5 Write the question tags.

1 A I can't do this exercise. It's very difficult, isn't it?

B Don't worry. I'm here to help you.

A I'll be able to do it if I practise, won't I?

B Of course. It took me ages to learn.

2 A The Browns are really wealthy, _____ ?

B I know. They're always going on holiday.

A I don't know where they get their money from.

B Still, we're happy with what we've got, _____ ?

3 A You aren't going out dressed like that, _____ ?

B Why not? I can wear what I want, _____ ?

A That depends. You're wearing my jacket, _____ ?

B No, I'm not. I bought this yesterday.

4 A Callum's new car is cool, _____ ?

B Yes, it's true. But he drives much too fast, _____ ?

A You wouldn't want one like that, _____ ?

B Yes, I would. I've always wanted a car like that!

Vocabulary and pronunciation

10 A poem

- 1 **T 11.6** Transcribe the words in phonetic script. What animal noises are there? Read the poem aloud to yourself.

When did the world begin?

'When did the world begin and how?'

I asked /ə læm ə ɡəʊt ə kaʊ/.

'What's it all about and why?'

I asked /ə pɪɡ əz hi: went baɪ/.

'Where will the whole thing end, and when?'

I asked /ə dʌk ə gu:s ə heɪn/.

And I copied all their answers too,

/ə kwæk ə bɑ: ən ɔɪŋk ə mu:/.
by Robert Clairmont



11 Onomatopoeic words

- 1 **T 11.7** A word that is onomatopoeic sounds like what it means. Transcribe the onomatopoeic words in these sentences.

- 1 The lion /rɔ:d/ _____ loudly.
- 2 Ssh! It's a secret. I'll /'wɪspə/ _____ it to you.
- 3 She saw a dark shape in the night and she /skri:md/ _____.
- 4 He lay on the ground /'grəʊnɪŋ/ _____ with pain.
- 5 There was a gust of wind and the door /bænd/ _____ shut.
- 6 The wine glass /smæft/ _____ into a thousand pieces.
- 7 The cat /skrætft/ _____ the leg of the chair.
- 8 He walked down the road /'wɪslɪŋ/ _____ a happy tune.

Phrasal verbs

12 Common phrasal verbs

- 1 What do these phrasal verbs mean? Use your dictionary to help you.

take up (time)	let sb down	set off
go on (= happen)	put up with	Come on!
keep on (doing sth)	come across	pick sb up
fall out with sb		

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs from the box. Use the definition in brackets to help.
- 1 There's a terrible noise outside. What's _____ ? (happen)
 - 2 I'm going to bed. I have to be at the airport by seven o'clock tomorrow morning, so I need to _____ early. (begin a journey)
 - 3 I was tidying the attic the other day, and I _____ some old photographs of when I was a baby. (find by accident)
 - 4 My teenage daughters are driving me crazy. I can't _____ their moods, their music, and their constant demands for money any more. (tolerate)
 - 5 I'm going to give up tennis. I love it, but it _____ so much time, and I'm so busy at the moment. (fill or occupy)
 - 6 Sam is broke, so he has to _____ working, even when he's ill. (continue)
 - 7 I'll _____ you _____ at your house at 7.00 and we'll go to the night club. Make sure you're ready. (collect in a car)
 - 8 I'm relying on you to be there tomorrow to help me. Don't _____ me _____. (disappoint)
 - 9 She's _____ her boyfriend again. He arrived two hours late yesterday, and she was furious. (have an argument)
 - 10 ' _____ , Michael! We need one more goal to win this match!' (said to encourage sb to try harder)