

Embedded and indirect questions with know, understand, wonder and remember.

An embedded question is a question that appears as part of another question or statement.

A question in a question:

Do you know why the store is closed? Why is the store closed?

Do you know...[Question]?

A question in a statement: Your book calls this an indirect question. Notice it ends with a period and not a question mark.

I don't know why the store is closed. Why is the store closed?

I don't know...[Question].

Here are some rules for forming these kinds of questions.

RULE ONE: If the direct question is a YES/NO question use 'if' or 'whether' to embed it.

Example: Does he have a college degree?

Do you know if he has a college degree?

Does she remember if he has a college degree?

I wonder if he has a college degree.

I don't remember if he has a college degree.

RULE TWO: Use statement word order and omit do/does/did. Use the simple past tense.

Example: Why did he leave?

Do you know why he left?

Does she remember why he left?

I wonder why he left?

I don't remember why he left.

RULE THREE: Word order will change to statement word order if it is inverted in the question. This happens with the verb 'to be' and with 'wh' questions.

Examples: When are they coming?

Where is the office?

Do you know when they are coming?

Do you know where the office is?

Does she remember when they are coming?

Does she remember where the office is?

I wonder when they are coming.

I wonder where the office is.

I don't remember when they are coming.

I don't remember where the office is.

Write embedded and indirect questions from the following direct questions:

1. Where did he go?

I don't remember _____

2. When did you arrive?

Does she know _____

3. What does she want?

I don't understand _____

4. How did you do it?

I wonder _____

5. What made that noise?

Do you know _____

6. Who got the job?

Does he remember _____

7. Who broke the copy machine?

I wonder _____

8. What happened in the meeting?

Does she understand _____

9. When is she leaving?

Do they know _____

10. What are you doing next week?

Do they wonder _____

11. Where are the apples?

Do you remember _____

12. Why is her dog here?

Does anyone understand _____

13. Were they finished?

Do you know _____ (hint: yes/no question use if)

14. Will he buy it?

We wonder _____

15. Can she fix computers?

Do you remember _____

16. Is the meeting over?

Do you know _____

17. Did he get the job?

Do you know _____

18. Did they paint the office?

Does she remember _____

19. Did we see that movie?

He wondered _____

20. Whose dog is that?

Does he know _____

21. Where is the teacher?

She doesn't know _____

22. Where are the books?

Do you remember _____

23. Who is the boss?

Does he understand _____