



## Indirect Questions:

### Wh- Indirect Questions: Word Order Basics

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. Can you tell me where \_\_\_\_?  
a) the bank are  
b) the bank is  
c) is the bank  
d) does the bank
2. Do you know what time \_\_\_\_?  
a) does the film start  
b) the film start  
c) the film starts  
d) starts the film
3. I'd like to know where \_\_\_\_.  
a) she works  
b) does she work  
c) she work  
d) works she
4. Could you tell me how \_\_\_\_ to the station?  
a) can I get  
b) do I get  
c) I get  
d) I can get
5. Do you know where \_\_\_\_?  
a) does he live  
b) he lives  
c) he live  
d) lives he
6. Can you tell me what \_\_\_\_?  
a) this word means  
b) does this word mean  
c) this word mean  
d) means this word
7. I want to know when \_\_\_\_.  
a) does the shop open  
b) the shop open  
c) the shop opens  
d) opens the shop
8. Do you know who \_\_\_\_?  
a) did write this book  
b) this book wrote  
c) did wrote this book  
d) wrote this book
9. Could you tell me where \_\_\_\_?  
a) is the nearest hospital  
b) the nearest hospital is  
c) the nearest hospital are  
d) does the nearest hospital
10. I'd like to know why \_\_\_\_.  
a) the meeting was cancelled  
b) was the meeting cancelled  
c) the meeting cancelled  
d) did the meeting cancel
11. Can you tell me how much \_\_\_\_?  
a) does this jacket cost  
b) this jacket cost  
c) this jacket costs  
d) costs this jacket

12. Do you know what \_\_\_\_?  
a) did happen yesterday  
b) yesterday happened  
c) did happened yesterday  
d) happened yesterday
13. Could you tell me how many people \_\_\_\_?  
a) came to the party  
b) did come to the party  
c) to the party came  
d) did came to the party
14. I want to know where \_\_\_\_.  
a) did you buy that dress  
b) you bought that dress  
c) you buy that dress  
d) bought you that dress
15. Do you know how long \_\_\_\_?  
a) does the journey take  
b) the journey take  
c) the journey takes  
d) takes the journey
16. Can you tell me what time \_\_\_\_?  
a) does the train leave  
b) the train leave  
c) leaves the train  
d) the train leaves
17. Could you tell me who \_\_\_\_?  
a) that man is  
b) is that man  
c) that man are  
d) does that man
18. I'd like to know how \_\_\_\_.  
a) did you solve the problem  
b) you solved the problem  
c) you solve the problem  
d) solved you the problem
19. Do you know where \_\_\_\_?  
a) did she park the car  
b) she park the car  
c) she parked the car  
d) parked she the car
20. Can you tell me why \_\_\_\_?  
a) did they leave early  
b) they leave early  
c) left they early  
d) they left early



## Answers

1. b) the bank is
2. c) the film starts
3. a) she works
4. d) I can get
5. b) he lives
6. a) this word means
7. c) the shop opens
8. d) wrote this book
9. b) the nearest hospital is
10. a) the meeting was cancelled
11. c) this jacket costs
12. d) happened yesterday
13. a) came to the party
14. b) you bought that dress
15. c) the journey takes
16. d) the train leaves
17. a) that man is
18. b) you solved the problem
19. c) she parked the car
20. d) they left early



# Explanations

## 1. “the bank is” (b)

In indirect questions, use statement word order: subject + verb. 'Can you tell me where the bank is?' (not 'where is the bank').

## 2. “the film starts” (c)

After 'Do you know', use statement word order with the correct verb form. 'The film starts' keeps the third-person -s and puts the subject before the verb.

## 3. “she works” (a)

In indirect questions, remove do/does and keep statement order: 'where she works' (not 'where does she work'). The -s stays on the verb.

## 4. “I can get” (d)

After 'Could you tell me', use statement word order. The modal 'can' stays after the subject: 'how I can get to the station' (not 'how can I get').

## 5. “he lives” (b)

In indirect questions, remove 'does' and add -s to the verb: 'where he lives' (not 'where does he live').

## 6. “this word means” (a)

In indirect questions, use statement order and keep the -s ending: 'what this word means' (not 'what does this word mean').

## 7. “the shop opens” (c)

Remove 'does' and add -s to the verb in statement order: 'when the shop opens' (not 'when does the shop open').

## 8. “wrote this book” (d)

When 'who' is the subject, the word order stays the same in both direct and indirect questions: 'who wrote this book'. No auxiliary 'did' is needed.

## 9. “the nearest hospital is” (b)

Use statement word order after 'Could you tell me': 'where the nearest hospital is' (not 'where is the nearest hospital').

## 10. “the meeting was cancelled” (a)

In indirect questions, use statement order: 'why the meeting was cancelled' (not 'why was the meeting cancelled').

## 11. “this jacket costs” (c)

Remove 'does' and add -s: 'how much this jacket costs' (not 'how much does this jacket cost'). Statement word order puts the subject before the verb.

## 12. “happened yesterday” (d)

When 'what' is the subject, the word order stays the same: 'what happened yesterday'. No auxiliary 'did' is needed because 'what' is performing the action.

## 13. “came to the party” (a)

When 'how many people' is the subject, keep the same word order in indirect questions: 'how many people came to the party'. No 'did' is needed.

**14. “you bought that dress” (b)**

In indirect questions, remove 'did' and use the past tense form of the verb: 'where you bought that dress' (not 'where did you buy that dress').

**15. “the journey takes” (c)**

Remove 'does' and add -s: 'how long the journey takes' (not 'how long does the journey take'). The subject comes before the verb.

**16. “the train leaves” (d)**

Use statement word order with the third-person -s: 'what time the train leaves' (not 'what time does the train leave').

**17. “that man is” (a)**

Use statement word order: 'who that man is' (not 'who is that man'). Here 'who' is the complement, not the subject, so we invert back to statement order.

**18. “you solved the problem” (b)**

Remove 'did' and use the past tense form: 'how you solved the problem' (not 'how did you solve the problem').

**19. “she parked the car” (c)**

Remove 'did' and use the past tense form: 'where she parked the car' (not 'where did she park the car'). Statement word order puts the subject before the verb.

**20. “they left early” (d)**

Remove 'did' and use the past tense form: 'why they left early' (not 'why did they leave early').