

Embedded Questions

Embedded questions are questions within another statement or question. They function as noun clauses and as such should generally follow *statement*, not question, order.



Embedded Questions

- ◎ Wh- questions may be embedded within a statement.

I don't know what time

I've forgotten where

I don't/can't remember what

I am not sure why

main statement embedded WH-Question

(SUBJECT + VERB)



Embedded Questions

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Where is the classroom?

I don't know **where the classroom is.**

What did you say?

I didn't hear **what you said.**

What is the definition?

I can't remember **what the definition is.**



Embedded Questions

- WH-Questions with BE (is, are, was, were)
- Asking for information:
 - Where is the bank?
 - Do you know where the bank is? (embedded question)
- I don't know where the bank is.



Continue:

- What is he doing?
- Do you know what he's doing?

I don't know what he's doing.

- Why were they crying?
- Do you know why they were crying?

I don't know why they were crying.



Continue:

- Where is the bank?
- I don't know where the bank is.

- What is he doing?
- I don't know what he's doing.

- When can he visit us?
- I don't know when he can visit us.



WH-Questions with DO/DOES/DID

Where does he live?

Do you know **where he lives**?

I don't know **where he lives**.

How often do they come here?

Do you know how often they come here?

I don't know how often they come here.



Continue:

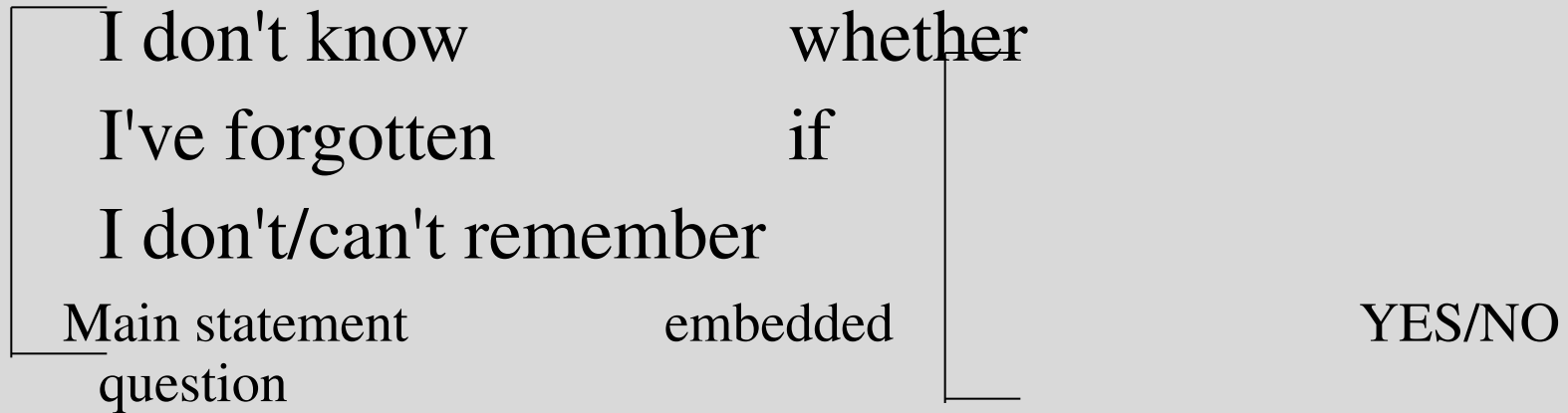
How did she break her leg?

Do you know how she broke her leg?

I don't know how she broke her leg.



Embedded YES/NO Questions



Yes/No Questions

- Do you know if Tom is in school today?
whether
- I don't know if Tom is in school today.
whether



Yes/No Questions

• Do you know if Mary works here?
whether

• I don't know if Mary works here.
whether



Thank you!



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