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.

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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

◉ Wh- questions may be embedded within a statement.

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**.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

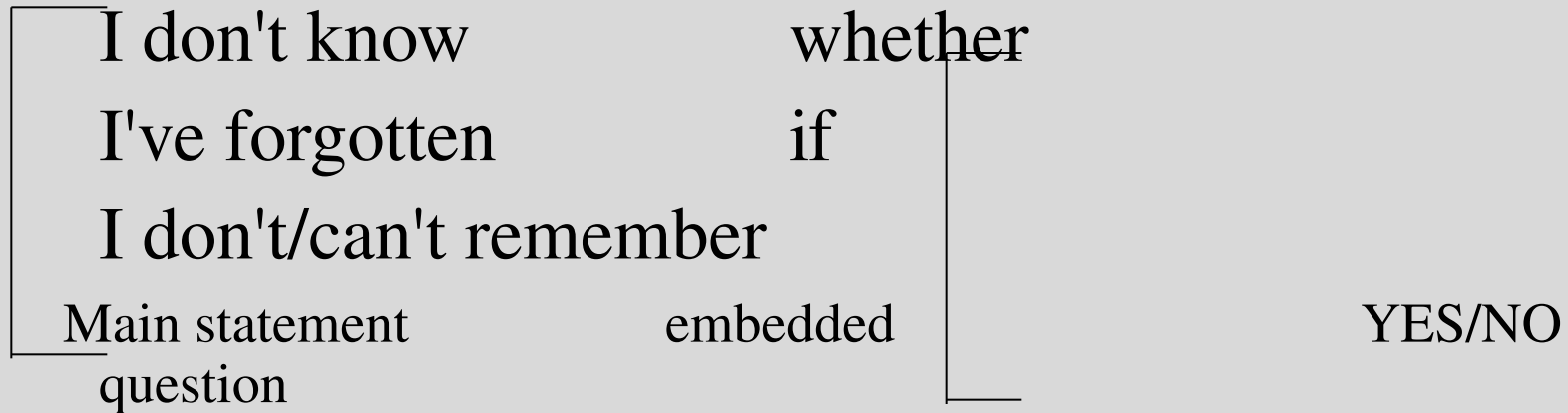LinguaLike

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

I don't know   whether

I've forgotten   if

I don't/can't remember

Main statement   embedded   YES/NO
question

Yes/No Questions

• Do you know   if   Tom is in school today?
              whether

• I don't know   if   Tom is in school today.
              whether

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Yes/No Questions

- Do you know   if   Mary works here?
  whether

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

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Thank you!