

## 1.1 Different question types

1 We often form questions by putting an auxiliary verb **before** the **subject**.

1 Have you ever been to Malaysia?

2 Why does he want to work abroad?

3 How long has she been living here?

4 Will they get married here or back in their own country?

5 Can I speak to you privately for a moment please?

6 When will they have finished the new building?

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**1** When we ask about the **subject** of a sentence, the **question word** replaces the **subject**.

- 1 **Which countries** have a royal family?
- 2 **Who** has had an awkward experience in a foreign country?

**2** The question uses normal **statement word order**.

We do **not** use *do/does/did* in normal **positive** questions about the subject.

- 1 **What** happened to him? NOT ~~*What did happen ...?*~~
- 2 **Who** likes travelling by themselves? NOT ~~*Who does like travelling ...?*~~

**3** When we ask **negative** questions we use *don't/doesn't/didn't*.

Notice that the question still uses normal **statement word order**.

- 1 Which nationalities **don't** like standing too close?
- 2 Who **didn't** feel at ease speaking in front of all those people?

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1 If we begin a question with a phrase such as *Do you know ...? Do you think ...? Have you any idea ...?* we call these **indirect questions**.

2 **Indirect questions** use normal **statement word order**.

1 Do you think **she will be** comfortable with that idea?

2 Have you any idea where **I can find** a second hand bookshop?

3 We do **not** use *do/does/did* in **indirect questions**.

1 Do you know **where he has** his Italian lessons?

NOT ~~Do you know where does he have his Italian lessons?~~

2 Do you think **they went** that way?

NOT ~~Do you think they did go that way?~~

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**1** When a **question word** is the **object** of a **preposition**, the **preposition** usually goes **at the end** of the **question**.

- 1 Who are you talking **about**?
- 2 Which job is he applying **for**?

**2** In **very formal style**, we sometimes put the **preposition at the beginning** of the **question**.

- 1 **From** which presentation did you learn most about the business?
- 2 **For** how long did he work at his previous company?
- 3 **To** **whom** was the letter addressed?

**3** Note that in this **formal style**, we use *whom* instead of *who* as the **object**.

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1 Which questions are correct? Correct any mistakes you find.

1 What did he say to you?

2 Who did steal his phone?

Who stole his phone?

3 Do you have any idea where does he live?

Do you have any idea where he lives?

4 Can I ask you where did they go?

Can I ask you where they went?

5 Which picture are you looking at?

6 From who did she get her money?

From whom did she get her money?/Who did she get her money from?