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## Indirect questions 2



**A** In these two conversations David is talking on the phone to a shop-assistant and to a friend, Rita, about a new computer he wants to buy. Put the questions from the box into the correct conversation.

- a) Do you happen to know which is the nearest bus stop for your shop?
- b) Is that before or after tax?
- c) And how much are they?
- d) I don't suppose you remember how much your Roplex was?
- e) Could you tell me if you have any Roplex XT1000Es in stock?

1 **David:** \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Shop assistant:** Yes, plenty.

**David:** \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Shop assistant:** £985 excluding tax.

**David:** \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Shop assistant:** Yes, Oxford Circus.

2 **David:** \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Rita:** About £1000, but it's difficult to remember.

**David:** \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**Rita:** Before, I'm afraid.

**B** Both of the conversations begin with indirect questions. Which of the following do you think are true about the use of indirect questions? Put a tick ✓ next to the ones which are true and a cross X by which are not.

- 1 You often use indirect questions to begin a conversation with someone you don't know well.
- 2 Once you have begun a conversation with an indirect question it's normal to ask other questions in the same way.
- 3 You often use indirect questions when you think your question is unusual or that someone might not know the answer.

**C** David is talking to a passenger he has never met before at the bus stop. Change any questions *you think necessary* in the following conversation into indirect questions. Begin with 'Do you happen to know ...' each time.

**David:** What time's the next bus due?

1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger:** In about five minutes I think.

**David:** Great, not long, then. Does it go to Oxford Circus?

2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger:** I hope so, that's where I'm going!

**David:** Oh, where's the Comsoft computer shop?

3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger:** Never heard of it, I'm afraid.

- 10 Please leave cameras at the desk  
 11 Please turn off the light.  
 12 If you have a complaint, please ask to see the manager.  
 13 Foreign money not accepted  
 14 The End  
 15 Please ring the bell for service  
 16 Take a card; any card

**11 Countable and uncountable 1**

- |           |           |                  |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 time    | 8 light   | 15 experiences   |
| 2 times   | 9 hope    | 16 experience    |
| 3 glass   | 10 a hope | 17 an experience |
| 4 a glass | 11 hopes  | 18 beliefs       |
| 5 glasses | 12 lambs  | 19 a belief      |
| 6 lights  | 13 a lamb | 20 belief        |
| 7 a light | 14 lamb   |                  |

**12 Countable and uncountable 2**

- A  
 1 a 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 a 6 b 7 a 8 b

- B  
 1 c) i) hairs 2 a) iv) a hair 3 d) ii) hair

**13 Countable and uncountable 3**

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>uncountable</i> | <i>countable</i> |
| 2 countryside      | 1 teeth          |
| 3 accommodation    | 4 mice           |
| 5 secrecy          | 7 sheep          |
| 6 advice           | 10 people        |
| 8 travel           |                  |
| 9 furniture        |                  |
| 11 information     |                  |
| 12 work            |                  |

- |          |                        |                      |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>B</i> | <i>always singular</i> | <i>always plural</i> |
|          | the news               | the police           |
|          | each (of them)         | scissors             |
|          | politics               | the poor             |
|          | either (of them)       | both (of them)       |
|          | everyone               | all (of them)        |
|          | maths                  | trousers             |

- C  
 2 a beauty 3 a difficulty  
 4 an experience 7 an icecream  
 10 a talk

**14 Enough and plenty**

- A  
 1 b 2a

- B  
 1 just the right amount  
 2 there aren't quite enough  
 3 there isn't enough  
 4 there are plenty  
 5 there aren't enough  
 6 just the right number  
 7 there isn't enough  
 8 this isn't big enough  
 9 these aren't big enough  
 10 there is plenty  
 11 there are far too many

**15 Futures 1**

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| A                     |                      |
| 1 will have completed | 6 will be shining    |
| 2 will have taken     | 7 will have left     |
| 3 will be talking     | 8 will have declined |
| 4 will be typing      | 9 will have fallen   |
| 5 will have left      |                      |

- B  
 1 will have moved 5 will have raised  
 2 will be selling 6 will have solved  
 3 will have installed 7 will be printing  
 4 will have appointed

**16 Futures 2**

- A  
 1 b 2 a 3 b 4 b 5 a 6 b

- B  
*Actions in progress*  
 ... 'll be living in a warmer climate.  
 ... 'll be working as an agriculturalist.  
 ... 'll be living in a comfortable house.

- Actions completed*  
 ... 'll have met the right person.  
 ... 'll have paid back all the money my parents lent me.  
 ... 'll have published the results of my research thesis.

- C  
 1 will have doubled 4 will be facing  
 2 will be feeding 5 will have contributed  
 3 will have found

**17 Futures 3**

- 1 Actually, I'm meeting an old friend there.  
 2 Not long, I'm'll be leaving on Sunday.  
 3 Yes, I'm going to visit the colleges.  
 4 In that case, I'll go there too.  
 5 I'm afraid I'll be working (in the university library) at three o'clock.  
 6 Let's see. Shall I ring you at 6.00 pm on Thursday?  
 7 In that case, I think I'll buy one.  
 8 If it's good, shall I get you one?  
 9 OK. I'll ring you on Thursday.

**18 If sentences 1**

- A  
 1 b 2 a

- B  
 1 hadn't gone to America 6 had told  
 2 caught the 10 o'clock bus 7 had come in  
 3 had had a gun 8 hadn't invented  
 4 had thrown the receipt away 9 had stopped  
 5 didn't study hard

**19 If sentences 2**

- A  
 Clauses that are possibly true: 3, 4, 7, 8  
 Clauses that are definitely not true: 1, 2, 5, 6, 9

- B  
 1 c 2 a 3 b

- C  
 1 If the captain sent a radio signal before the ship sank  
 2 If Les is here now  
 3 If Les had been here now  
 4 If Sarah said anything to your boss while you were away  
 5 If Sarah had said anything to your boss while you were away  
 6 If Ali bought the tickets when the box office first opened  
 7 If Ali had bought the tickets when the box office first opened  
 8 If I'd had any more food  
 9 If I have any more food

**20 If sentences 3**

- 1 If I had had some change I would have rung.
- 2 Don't worry. If I need anything I'll help myself.
- 3 I wouldn't have brought them if I hadn't wanted to.
- 4 I'll certainly come if I have time.
- 5 Don't worry. If I don't remember I'll ring you to ask again/I can always ring if I can't remember.
- 6 Well, I think I would (like to) go there if I had enough money.
- 7 I'm not sure. She'll come if she (has) got a plane ticket.
- 8 Yes, I'd still be/have been waiting if I hadn't caught it.
- 9 I would go to bed if I weren't/wasn't waiting for a phone call.

**21 Indirect questions 1**

- A
- 1 a family day excursion ticket to London is/costs?
  - 2 if you have a double room available this weekend./if a double room is available this weekend.
  - 3 it costs to hire a car for two days.
  - 4 flight BA 272 arrives?
  - 5 if you are open on Sunday evenings?/if the restaurant is open on Sunday evenings?
  - 6 you can come and meet the Dumals on Sunday?/you would like to come and meet them on Sunday?

- B
- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1 what time, ? | 4 how long, . |
| 2 whether, ?   | 5 How much, ? |
| 3 if, ?        | 6 what, ?     |

**22 Indirect questions 2**

- A
- |              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| 1 e), c), a) | 2 d), b) |
|--------------|----------|
- B
- |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 ✓ | 2 ✗ | 3 ✓ |
|-----|-----|-----|

- C
- 1 Do you happen to know what time the next bus is due?
  - 2 no change
  - 3 Oh, do you happen to know where the Comsoft Computer shop is?

**23 Infinitive and gerund 1**

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 1 to listen | 6 to tell  |
| 2 coming    | 7 shouting |
| 3 marrying  | 8 to feed  |
| 4 to watch  | 9 coming   |
| 5 throwing  | 10 to go   |

**24 Infinitive and gerund 2**

- A
- |     |     |
|-----|-----|
| 1 a | 2 b |
|-----|-----|
- B
- |            |            |           |
|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 to light | 4 to teach | 7 going   |
| 2 lighting | 5 to lock  | 8 to tell |
| 3 teaching | 6 going    |           |
- C
- |     |     |     |      |      |      |
|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 b | 2 a | 3 a | 4 b  | 5 b  | 6 a  |
| 7 b | 8 a | 9 a | 10 b | 11 a | 12 b |

**25 Infinitive and gerund 3**

- A
- |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 a | 2 a | 3 b | 4 b | 5 a | 6 a |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
- 7 b

- B
- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 remembered, saw | 4 told, regretted |
| 2 saw, stopped    | 5 regretted, told |
| 3 stopped, saw    |                   |

- C
- |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 a | 2 b | 3 b | 4 a |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

**26 Infinitive and gerund 4**

- A
- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 1 arrange  | 7 manage    |
| 2 avoid    | 8 miss      |
| 3 choose   | 9 plan      |
| 4 consider | 10 practise |
| 5 decide   | 11 refuse   |
| 6 deny     | 12 recall   |

- B
- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1 to stay   | 8 seeing    |
| 2 to get    | 9 dropping  |
| 3 to have   | 10 to visit |
| 4 to meet   | 11 sitting  |
| 5 stealing  | 12 speaking |
| 6 attacking | 13 to go    |
| 7 to give   |             |

**27 Linking words 1**

- A
- |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 b | 2 c | 3 a | 4 d |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

- B
- 1 ... unless you want to see the sights.
  - 2 ... in case you get lost.
  - 3 ... although many people think they are too crowded.
  - 4 ... unless you want to spend a lot of money.
  - 5 ... as long as you arrive early to avoid the crowds.
  - 6 ... although you will find it very noisy.
  - 7 ... as long as you don't mind a long journey.
  - 8 ... in case you want to buy a lot of presents.

**28 Linking words 2**

- A
- 1 despite
  - 2 Due
  - 3 because
  - 4 Although
  - 5 spite
  - 6 However

- B
- |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 e | 2 d | 3 c | 4 g | 5 a | 6 h |
| 7 h | 8 b |     |     |     |     |

**29 Linking words 3**

- A
- |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 1 b  | 2 a  | 3 a  |
| 4 c  | 5 a  | 6 b  |
| 7 b  | 8 a  | 9 c  |
| 10 b | 11 c | 12 a |

- B
- 1 Due to the train strike, we took the car.
  - 2 Despite the fact that I was hungry, I couldn't eat the snails.
  - 3 Although the weather was rough, the boat set sail.
  - 4 The government resigned because the economy collapsed.
  - 5 They said the bridge wouldn't last, but it is still standing.
  - 6 Take my phone number in case you need it.