

## Indirect questions

Please, can you tell me ... ?

1 Read the sentences in the box and answer questions 1–4.

A	B
a What's the time?	→ <b>Can you tell me</b> what the time is?
b Who does he work for?	→ <b>I have no idea</b> who he works for.
c Where did she go?	→ <b>I don't know</b> where she went.
d Do they have any children?	→ <b>I wonder if</b> they have any children?

- Which are direct questions? Which are indirect?
- What are the differences?
- Why is there no *does* and *did* in B?
- When is *if* used?

### SPOKEN ENGLISH Asking questions politely

- 1 12.5 It sounds more polite to ask questions indirectly. Listen and complete these examples.

Where's the station?	→ Could you tell me where ... ?
What do you earn?	→ Could you possibly tell me how much ... ?
How much did you pay for that shirt?	→ Would you mind telling me how much ... ?
What time do the banks close?	→ Do you know when ... ?
Is Kate coming?	→ I wonder if ... ?

- 2 12.5 Listen again and repeat. Pay attention to stress and intonation.

2 Work with a partner. Match the lines in A, B, and C to make some everyday questions.

A	B	C
What (x3)	<b>time</b>	do you normally get up?
Who	<b>football team</b>	do you support?
Which	<b>is (x2)</b>	music do you like?
How much	<b>kind of</b>	in front of a screen each day?
How many	<b>time do you spend</b>	a day do you check your phone?
How long	<b>times</b>	your last job?
Why (x2)	<b>did you leave</b>	your dream job?
	<b>have you been</b>	learning English?
	<b>don't you</b>	your favourite sportsperson?
		reply to my texts?

3 Ask and answer the questions in 2 more politely using a suitable phrase from Spoken English and 1.

Can you tell me what time you normally get up?

- 12.6 Listen and compare.

## Angelina Jolie: 'the world's most admired woman'



- where / when / born
- who / parents
- what / first film role
- what / most famous film
- ever won any awards
- how many times married
- how many children
- do other kinds of work
- why / so admired

4 What do you know about **Angelina Jolie**? Make *indirect* questions about her using the prompts 1–9 above and the phrases below.  
I wonder ... I don't know ... I have no idea ...  
I want to know ... I'm not sure ...

I wonder where she was born?

I have no idea who her parents are.

5 Work with a partner.

**Student A:** Ask direct and indirect questions about Angelina.

Can you tell me what her first film role was?

When was it?

**Student B:** Turn to p156. Read the information about Angelina and answer the questions.

Her first film role was ...