

# Questions no one knows the answers to by Chris Anderson

## GRAMMAR

### 1. Write one question to each answer. Ask for the underlined part.

- a) .....?  
I went on holiday with my parents.
- b) .....?  
The train station is in front of the supermarket.
- c) .....?  
I haven't done my homework because I wasn't feeling well.
- d) .....?  
My company is going to develop a new system next year.
- e) .....?  
I would like to study medicine in the future.
- f) .....?  
Yes, I really like watching comedies.

### 2. Study the following sentences and introductory phrases given below.

DIRECT QUESTION	INDIRECT QUESTION
<u>Where can I find</u> the nearest post office?	Can you tell me <u>where I can find</u> the nearest post office?
<u>Do you want to go</u> to the cinema tonight?	I wonder <u>if/whether you want to go</u> to the cinema tonight?

### INTRODUCTORY PHRASES:

I wonder...

Can you tell me...

Do you know...

Let me know...

I was wondering...

Explain...

Tell me...

I'm not sure...

Please tell me...

I would like to know...

Could you tell me...

Do you have any idea...

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**3. Rewrite questions from exercise 1 using various introductory phrases.**

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....
- d) .....
- e) .....
- f) .....

**4. Work in pairs. Ask each other indirect questions connected with given topics.**

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|-----------|---------------|
| FUTURE    | WORK          |
| FREE TIME | TECHNOLOGY    |
| SHOPPING  | ENTERTAINMENT |
| EDUCATION | CHILDHOOD     |



VIDEO & DISCUSSION

**5. Discuss:**

- Can you give some examples of questions children ask?
- Do you know any questions which cannot be answered?

**6. Watch the video and write down three questions the speaker asks.**

- .....
- .....
- .....

*How would you answer these questions?*

**7. Imagine that you are a parent and your child asks you a lot of difficult questions. Try to answer the following questions.**

- Why are pizza boxes square when the pizza is round?
- Does the President have to pay taxes?
- Why do donuts have holes?
- Why is the sea salty?
- How does Santa Claus get down the chimney?