

Indirect Questions



The Stress Interview

Perhaps you
didn't hear the question.
Ms. Bentley asked why you
were still single.

CHECK POINT

Check Ms. Bentley's exact words.

- ☐ "Why were you still single?"
- ☐ "Why are you still single?"

CHART CHECK 1

Circle T (True) or F (False).

- T F You can leave out if or whether in indirect yes/no questions.
- **T F** You do not use **do** to form indirect **yes/no** questions.

DI	RECT SPEEC	H: YES/NO QUESTIONS
SUBJECT	REPORTING VERB	DIRECT QUESTION
Не	asked,	"Do you have any experience?" "Can you use a computer?"

	INDIRE	CT SPEECH	: YES/NO	QUESTIONS
SUBJECT	REPORTING VERB	(Noun/ Pronoun)	Indirect Question	
He	asked	(Melissa) (her)	if whether	she had any experience. she could use a computer.

CHART CHECK 2

Circle T (True) or F (False).

- **T F** An indirect question always ends in a question mark.
- **T F** You do not use **do** to form indirect wh- questions.

	DIRECT SPE	ECH: WH- QUESTIONS	
SUBJECT	REPORTING VERB	DIRECT QUESTION	
He	asked,	"Who told you about the job?" "When do you want to start?"	

INDIRECT SPEECH: WH- QUESTIONS					
SUBJECT	REPORTING VERB	(Noun/ Pronoun)	Indirect Question		
Не	asked	(Melissa) (her)	who had told her about the job. when she wanted to start.		