



## Mini Lesson 326 - Embedded Questions within Statements

Embedded questions are questions that are included within a statement. They are used when we want to ask a question in a more indirect way. Instead of using the standard question word order, we use a statement word order when embedding the question.

### For example:

- Direct question: \*Where is the nearest library?\*
- Embedded question: \*Can you tell me where the nearest library is?\*

When forming embedded questions, we remember the following:

- Use a statement structure (subject + verb) instead of question structure (verb + subject).
- Remember that the tense and word order remain the same as in a statement.

### Examples:

- Direct: \*What time does the movie start?\*
- Embedded: \*I wonder what time the movie starts.\*





## Exercises:

### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct embedded question.

1. She asked me \_\_\_\_\_ (who is your teacher).
2. Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ (where you bought that book)?
3. I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ (when the meeting starts).
4. Could you explain \_\_\_\_\_ (why he didn't come to class)?
5. They want to know \_\_\_\_\_ (how many students are in the class).
6. Can you remind me \_\_\_\_\_ (where the exit is)?
7. He is curious about \_\_\_\_\_ (if she will join us).

### Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following direct questions as embedded questions within the statements.

1. Direct: \*What did you have for breakfast?\*- I'd like to know \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Direct: \*Where are the keys?\*- Please tell me \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Direct: \*Why are you late?\*- I am wondering \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Direct: \*Who is your favorite author?\*- Can you share \_\_\_\_\_?





5. Direct: \*When is the test?\*

- I'm not sure \_\_\_\_\_.

### Section 3: Choose the Correct Form

Choose the correct embedded question to complete each sentence.

1. I wonder \_\_\_\_\_ (what she is doing/what is she doing).
2. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ (when does the train arrive/when the train arrives)?
3. He asked me \_\_\_\_\_ (where I put the backpack/where did I put the backpack).
4. Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ (how far is the store/how far the store is)?
5. She is curious about \_\_\_\_\_ (if they will come/if will they come).





### Section 4: Match the Questions

Match the direct question on the left with its correct embedded form on the right.

1. What time is it?	A. Do you know what time it is?
2. How can I get to the park?	B. Can you tell me how I can get to the park?
3. Who is your best friend?	C. I want to know who your best friend is.
4. Where is the nearest supermarket?	D. He asked me where the nearest supermarket is.
5. Why did she leave early?	E. I'm curious about why she left early.

### Section 5: Complete the Dialogue

Complete the dialogue using embedded questions.

A: Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ (what the homework is for today)?

B: Yes, I heard \_\_\_\_\_ (that we need to read chapter five).

A: Great! Can you remind me \_\_\_\_\_ (when it's due)?

B: I think it's due \_\_\_\_\_ (on Friday).

A: Have you asked \_\_\_\_\_ (if we will have a quiz)?

B: Not yet, but I will find out.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. who your teacher is
2. where you bought that book
3. when the meeting starts
4. why he didn't come to class
5. how many students are in the class
6. where the exit is
7. if she will join us

Section 2:

1. I'd like to know what you had for breakfast.
2. Please tell me where the keys are.
3. I am wondering why you are late.
4. Can you share who your favorite author is?
5. I'm not sure when the test is.

Section 3:

1. what she is doing
2. when the train arrives
3. where I put the backpack
4. how far the store is
5. if they will come

Section 4:

- 1 - A
- 2 - B
- 3 - C
- 4 - D
- 5 - E

Section 5:

1. what the homework is for today
2. that we need to read chapter five
3. when it's due
4. on Friday
5. if we will have a quiz

