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Indirect Questions

Utilizamos *Indirect Questions* em situações formais, que exigem um pouco mais de cortesia, ou seja, quando não temos intimidade com a pessoa a quem nos dirigimos ou em situações profissionais.

No episódio desta aula, quando há um problema na *scooter* e Carlton tenta consertá-la, Sarah faz um comentário irônico:

Are you sure you're Frank's son?

Enquanto isso, Regan pergunta a Chuck se ele vai lembrar onde guardou a bolsa com o dinheiro da corrida. Veja novamente a frase:

I wonder if you're gonna remember where you put it.

Estas duas frases iniciam com *Are you sure* e *I wonder if*, que são duas maneiras de começar uma *Indirect Question*. Observe como as frases ficariam se fossem feitas como uma *Direct Question*:

Indirect Question	Are you sure you're Frank's son?
Direct Question	Are you Frank's son?

Indirect Question	I wonder if you're gonna remember where you put it.
Direct Question	Are you gonna remember where you put it?

Em *Direct Questions* há a inversão sujeito-verbo em frases com o verbo *To be*. Entretanto, quando fazemos uma *Indirect Question*, a pergunta está na parte que inicia, como, por exemplo, *Are you sure* e *I wonder if*. Nos exemplos das tabelas anteriores, a pergunta está em *Are you sure* e *I wonder if*. Por essa razão, *não é feita a inversão sujeito-verbo*, e a frase seguinte, neste caso, assume a forma afirmativa.

Para iniciar uma *Indirect Question*, há várias maneiras além de *Are you sure* e *I wonder if*. Acompanhe na tabela algumas delas:

Are you sure...?
Do you have any idea...?
Do you know...?
Could you tell me...?
Is there any chance...?
I was wondering...
I wonder if...
I'd like to know...

Ao utilizar as expressões anteriores, a frase seguinte à *Indirect Question* assume a forma afirmativa ou negativa, dependendo do caso. Isso acontece porque a pergunta propriamente dita está nas expressões. Observe a tabela a seguir e veja um exemplo de *Indirect Questions* com o verbo *To be* no presente:

Question	To be - Present
Indirect	Do you have any idea where he is now?
Direct	Where is he now?

Perceba que a Direct Question pergunta *Where is he now?*, ou seja, **Onde ele está agora?** Já a Indirect Question pergunta *Do you have any idea where he is now?*, quer dizer, **Você tem alguma ideia de onde ele está agora?** Assim, na Indirect Question a real pergunta está em *Do you have any idea*.

Veja outros exemplos com o Verbo *To be* no passado, e observe como na *Indirect Question* não há a inversão sujeito-verbo:

Question	To be - Past
Indirect	Do you know if she was n't here earlier?
Direct	Wasn't she here earlier?
Indirect	Could you tell me if they were at school?
Direct	Were they at school?

Nos exemplos anteriores, foi necessário utilizar a partícula *if*, que equivale a **se** em português. Utiliza-se *if* sempre que a *Direct Question* iniciar com o verbo auxiliar.

Uma vez que as *Indirect Questions* são utilizadas em situações mais formais, podemos incluir *Excuse me*, seguido ou não de *Sir* ou *Ma'am* e tornar a pergunta ainda mais cortês. Desta forma, as frases anteriores ficariam assim:

Excuse me, do you know if she was here earlier?

Excuse me sir, could you tell me if they were at school?

Aproveitando que o verbo *haver* também utiliza o verbo *To be* como auxiliar, observe as tabelas e veja como formar *Indirect Questions* com *There to be* no presente e no passado:

Question	There to be - Present
Indirect	Are you sure there isn't a coffee shop near here?
Direct	Isn't there a coffee shop near here?
Indirect	Do you have any idea if there are any experts to help us?
Direct	Are there any experts to help us?

Question	There to be - Past
Indirect	I wonder if there wasn't enough food.
Direct	Wasn't there enough food?
Indirect	I'd like to know if there were many people at the party.
Direct	Were there many people at the party?

Para formar *Indirect Questions* no *Present Continuous* e *Past Continuous*, o verbo *To be* também funciona como auxiliar. Lembre que na *Indirect Question* a frase seguinte às expressões se mantém na forma afirmativa. Acompanhe:

Question	Present Continuous
Indirect	Do you know if she is planning something fun for tonight?
Direct	Is she planning something fun for tonight?
Indirect	Could you tell me where they're staying?
Direct	Where are they staying?

Question	Past Continuous
Indirect	Is there any chance they were working on their essay?
Direct	Were they working on their essay?
Indirect	I was wondering what they were thinking.
Direct	What were they thinking?

Acompanhe outros exemplos de *Indirect Questions* no *Present Simple*:

Question	Present Simple
Indirect	I was wondering if you don't have any book in Spanish.
Direct	Don't you have any book in Spanish?
Indirect	I wonder if Bruno studies in a private university.
Direct	Does Bruno study in a private university?
Indirect	I'd like to know where Amélie lives.
Direct	Where does Amélie live?

Observe que nos últimos dois exemplos temos os sujeitos Bruno e Amélie, que equivalem a *he* e *she*. Neste caso, **não utiliza-se** o auxiliar *does* na *Indirect Question*, e o verbo é conjugado na forma afirmativa, respeitando as terminações *-s*, *-es* ou *-ies*.

Nas tabelas a seguir, veja as *Indirect Questions* no *Past Simple*. Lembre que no *Past Simple* utiliza-se o auxiliar *Did* para todas as pessoas, e que na forma afirmativa o verbo é conjugado respeitando as regras dos verbos regulares ou irregulares:

Question	Past Simple
Indirect	Are you sure he went to France ?
Direct	Did he go to France?
Indirect	Do you have any idea why they bought the tickets online?
Direct	Why did they buy the tickets online?
Indirect	Do you know if he learned the lyrics?
Direct	Did he learn the lyrics?

Ainda falando sobre passado, temos o *Present Perfect Simple* - utilizado para nos referir a um passado indeterminado - e também o *Past Perfect Simple*, que descreve um evento anterior ao *Past Simple*. Observe as tabelas e veja que, da mesma forma que nos tempos verbais anteriores, a frase seguinte à *Indirect Question* assume sempre a forma afirmativa:

Question	Present Perfect Simple
Indirect	I wonder if he hasn't decided what to do next holiday yet.
Direct	Hasn't he decided what to do next holiday yet?
Indirect	I'd like to know where you've been these past few weeks.
Direct	Where have you been these past few weeks?

Question	Past Perfect Simple
Indirect	I wonder if you'd already been to Europe before you graduated.
Direct	Had you been to Europe before you graduated?
Indirect	Do you have any idea if she had studied for the test?
Direct	Had she studied for the test?

No futuro, podemos formar *Indirect Questions* com *Going to* ou *Will*, dependendo se a atividade em questão foi planejada ou não. Acompanhe as tabelas:

Question	Going to
Indirect	Could you tell me if Jason is going to jail?
Direct	Is Jason going to jail?

Question	Will
Indirect	Is there any chance Sarah and Carlton will be friends forever?
Direct	Will Sarah and Carlton be friends forever?

Por fim, podemos ter *Indirect Questions* formadas com os *Modal verbs*. Acompanhe:

Question	Would
Indirect	I was wondering if you'd help me.
Direct	Would you help me?

Question	Could
Indirect	Is there any chance they could do it all over again?
Direct	Could they do it all over again?

Question	Should
Indirect	Are you sure we should tell her the truth?
Direct	Should we tell her the truth?

Você estudou as *Indirect Questions* aplicadas em situações formais nos diversos tempos verbais e com diferentes expressões para iniciá-las. A partir deste conteúdo, verifique sua compreensão realizando a atividade *Ordering Indirect Questions*?