**Objective: Analyze direct and indirect questions.**

There are two main types of English questions: direct questions and indirect questions.

When we ask questions in English, we either start the question immediately (a direct question) or use an introduction to make the question more polite (an indirect question).

**Direct questions**

Direct questions are the “normal” questions we can ask to: friends, family members, and people who we know well.

Ex. “Where is the bathroom?”

**Indirect questions**

They are a little more formal and polite. We use them when we´re talking to a person we don’t know very well, or in professional situations, and their form is a little different.

Ex. “Could you tell me where the bathroom is?”

**NOTE:** We use indirect questions to make our requests or questions softer or more polite.

**PHRASES FOR INDIRECT QUESTIONS**

* Could you tell me…
* Can you tell me…
* Do you know…
* I wonder… / I was wondering…
* Do you have any idea…
* I’d like to know…
* Would it be possible…
* Is there any chance…
* Would you mind telling me…
* Have you any idea…

**EXAMPLES**

**Direct** **Indirect**

1. Could you tell me where Market Street is?
2. Do you know what time the bank opens?
3. I was wondering why you moved to Europe.
4. I’d like to know how much this motorcycle costs.
5. Where is Market Street?
6. What time does the bank open?
7. Why did you move to Europe?
8. How much does this motorcycle cost?

Look at those videos from youtube to reinforce the ideas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kROpJhy2Mmk>

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