

In order to understand indirect questions, you must understand sentences and direct questions.

PART 1: A SENTENCE

In English, normal sentences have **SUBJECT + VERB + INFORMATION**.

Examples:

- 1. The Japanese Embassy is here.
- 2. The parking lot is on the right.

PART 2: A DIRECT QUESTION

In English, direct questions have (Question word +) VERB + SUBJECT + INFORMATION.

Examples:

- 1. The Japanese Embassy is <u>here</u>. \rightarrow <u>Where</u> is the Japanese embassy?
- 2. The parking lot is on the right. \rightarrow Where is the parking lot?

3. She is crying in her room because she is sad. \rightarrow Why is she crying in her room?

PART 3: AN INDIRECT QUESTION

In English, indirect sentences are a yes-no question (VERB + SUBJECT) + WH-question word + a normal sentence without one part (NO SUBJECT or Missing INFORMATION).

Examples:

- 1. The Japanese Embassy is here. → Could you tell me where the Japanese Embassy is?
- 2. The parking lot is **on the right**. \rightarrow Do you know where the parking lot is?
- 3. Yoshide Suga is the new Prime Minister.

 Have you heard who the new prime minister is?
- 4. She's crying in her room **because she's sad**. → Do you know why she's crying in her room?