

Indirect Speech: Yes/No Questions

FORM:

To make a yes/no question in **indirect speech**, from a yes/no question in **direct speech**, do the following:

- Take out the comma, quotation marks and question mark.
- Put the word “if” or “whether” between the verb or indirect object and the words being reported.
- Change the word order of the subject and verb in questions with “to be”, “to have” and “will”.
- Take out the auxiliary “do” if it is used in the direct speech question.
- Change the verb tense and time marker if necessary.
- Change the pronouns if necessary.

EXAMPLES: **Direct speech:** *Elizabeth asked, “Do you want something to eat?”*
 Indirect speech: *Elizabeth asked if I wanted something to eat.*

Direct speech: *George asked Fred, “Are you ready yet?”*
Indirect speech: *George asked Fred if he was ready yet.*

*Express the following DIRECT SPEECH QUESTIONS as INDIRECT SPEECH QUESTIONS.
There may be more than one possible answer.*

1. Eva asked Jeaneane, “Can you work for me tomorrow?” _____
2. Mark asked her, “Is your sister going to work?” _____
3. The bank teller asked, “Would you like that in large or small bills?” _____
4. She asked us, “Is it raining outside?” _____
5. The teacher asked the class, “Does anyone know the answer?” _____
6. Mary asked me, “Are you feeling better?” _____
7. The student asked, “May I be excused?” _____
8. Ann asked John, “Are they flying today?” _____
9. The waiter asked, “Will that be all?” _____
10. He asked, “Is Mark running in the race?” _____