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Forming Questions: Indirect, Tag, and Subject Forms

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Auxiliary verb | Clause | Complex sentence | Indirect speech | Irregular verb | Negation | Object | Past tense | Phrasal verb | Preposition | Present tense | Pronoun | Questions | Subject | Verb | Verb tense | Perfect tense | Progressive tense | Simple tense | Word order | Collocations

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1. Complete the roommates' argument in the dark by selecting the right tag questions.

"You paid the power bill, _____? I gave you the cash for it yesterday! I am the one who usually pays it, _____, so it was your turn!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** didn't you
- **B)** did you
- **C)** haven't you

Blank 2

- **A)** aren't I
- **B)** amn't I
- **C)** don't I

2. Your nosy roommate is desperate to get the gossip about your mysterious Friday night date. Select ALL the grammatically correct questions they could ask you.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Who are you going out with?
- **B)** With whom are you going out?
- **C)** What restaurant are you going to?
- **D)** Who are you going out with him?
- **E)** What restaurant are you going?

3. Help the detective interrogate the suspects by choosing the correct question.

The detective narrowed his eyes. "I know someone ate the last jelly donut, but I need to know: ___"

Select one.

- **A)** who did eat it?
- **B)** who ate it?
- **C)** who it ate?
- **D)** who did it eat?

4. A hungry tourist is trying to find a legendary hidden bakery. Help them sound polite by selecting ALL the correctly formed indirect questions.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Could you tell me where the bakery is?
- **B)** Do you know what time they open?
- **C)** I was wondering if they sell chocolate croissants.
- **D)** Could you tell me where is the bakery?
- **E)** Do you know what time do they open?

5. Help the frantic party host piece together the evening's disasters by choosing the correct verb for each question.

I need to know immediately: who _____ that terrifying neon green gelatin salad to my house? Also, why _____ the dog bite the mailman, and how long _____ he been hiding under the sofa?

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** brought
- **B)** did bring
- **C)** was bringing

Blank 2

- **A)** did
- **B)** had
- **C)** was

Blank 3

- **A)** had
- **B)** was
- **C)** did

6. Complete the tourist's polite inquiry by selecting the grammatically correct option.

"Excuse me," the confused tourist asked. "Could you tell me ___?"

Select one.

- **A)** where is the Museum of Bad Art
- **B)** where the Museum of Bad Art is
- **C)** where does the Museum of Bad Art be
- **D)** the Museum of Bad Art is where

7. Help the shocked dinner host confront her supposedly vegan guest by selecting the correct negative question forms.

"Wait a minute, _____ supposed to be a strict vegan? _____ me last week that cheese was your mortal enemy?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** aren't you
- **B)** don't you
- **C)** weren't you

Blank 2

- **A)** Didn't you tell
- **B)** Haven't you told
- **C)** Weren't you telling

8. Assist the confused time traveler in asking polite, indirect questions without sounding entirely crazy. Choose the correct phrase for each blank.

"Excuse me, could you tell me where the nearest horse parking _____? Also, do you happen to know what century _____? Finally, I was wondering if anyone _____ my misplaced time machine."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** is located
- **B)** does locate
- **C)** located is

Blank 2

- **A)** we are in
- **B)** are we in
- **C)** do we be in

Blank 3

- **A)** has seen
- **B)** have seen
- **C)** did see

9. Help Detective Barnaby interrogate the bewildered pastry chef by choosing the correct question forms for his report.

"Alright, let's get the facts straight. First of all, who _____ the giant chocolate sculpture from the kitchen? And more importantly, who _____ running away with a pocket full of frosting?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** did steal
- **B)** stole
- **C)** was stealing

Blank 2

- **A)** did you see
- **B)** you saw
- **C)** saw you

10. Your roommate ate your leftover pizza. You want to know: "Someone gave him permission." Which question has the preposition in the correct position for everyday English?

Select one.

- **A)** Who did you get permission from?
- **B)** From who did you get permission?
- **C)** Who did you from get permission?
- **D)** Who from did you get permission?

11. Select the correct question to complete the friend's reaction.

"Stop staring at my neon green boots!" Julian said. "What ___?"

Select one.

- **A)** at are you looking
- **B)** do you look at
- **C)** are you looking at
- **D)** are you looking

12. Complete the lost tourist's polite inquiries by selecting the correct word order for indirect questions.

"Excuse me, could you tell me where _____? Also, do you happen to know what time _____ today?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** the UFO museum is
- **B)** is the UFO museum
- **C)** does the UFO museum be

Blank 2

- **A)** it opens
- **B)** does it open
- **C)** opens it

13. Choose the correct phrase to complete the pet owner's question.

"You remembered to feed the grumpy cat this morning, ___?"

Select one.

- **A)** didn't you
- **B)** did you
- **C)** haven't you
- **D)** weren't you

14. A panicked party host just realized the dessert table is completely empty! Choose ALL the correctly structured negative questions the host might ask to express their surprise.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Didn't you bring the chocolate cake?
- **B)** Did you not bring the chocolate cake?
- **C)** Haven't you ordered the dessert yet?
- **D)** Did not you bring the chocolate cake?
- **E)** Haven't you order the dessert yet?

15. Help Detective Paws interview the main suspect about the missing masterpiece. Select ALL the grammatically correct questions the detective can ask.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Who stole the famous painting?
- **B)** Who did you see near the museum vault?
- **C)** Who reported the crime to the police?
- **D)** Who did steal the famous painting?
- **E)** Who you saw near the museum vault?