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1) In order to build **the direct interrogative form** of a clause using **an auxiliary verb (be - have or a modal auxiliary (can/could, may/might, must, should, shall, will))**, the verb must be placed before the subject.

It's a simple 'verb-subject inversion': auxiliary + subject + complements + ?

- *Were you happy with him and are you happy now?*
- *Should I bring my own bicycle or will you lend me one?*
- *Has he got a green car or a blue one ?*

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⚠ ⚠ 'Have' may be considered as a normal verb; in that case, it will need **'DO/DOES/DID'** or a modal as an auxiliary.

- *Did he have his ID when he was arrested? Of course he did!*

B) INDIRECT INTERROGATIVE FORM:

Used after a verb like **'to ask', 'to wonder'** (= to ask oneself), **to know** (in the interrogative and negative forms, mainly),

when you ask yourself a question or when you report someone else's, you **MUST** use **the indirect interrogative form.**

The second clause is introduced by **an interrogative word (who, when, where, what, how, whether, etc)** and

THE VERB-SUBJECT INVERSION MUSTN'T BE DONE.

There must be no question mark at the end of the sentence.

ex: I wonder where she lives, but she wouldn't say it...

ex: I don't know what she really means.

ex : He doesn't know where they will get off the bus. Don't forget to tell him!

Be very careful... Misplacing the subject and the verb is a very frequent and serious mistake...

Questions :

1) Look at the kids playing... Do you think _____ tired, one day?

- will be they
- they will be
- will they be

2) I wonder what _____ to have so much energy.

- they do
- do they do
- do they

3) Tell me what _____, and who you are with.

- is your name
- 's being your name
- your name is

4) She keeps asking herself whether _____ or not.

- is it free
- it's free
- it free is

5) Do you remember what colour _____ ?

- his car is
- is his car
- his is car

6) I really can't tell how old _____ ... We'll have to ask him.

- is he
- he is
- does he is

7) Do you know where _____ the remote control? I want to watch TV.

- he has hidden
- has hidden he
- has he hidden

8) I'd like to go to the railway station. Can you tell me where _____ ?

- isn't it
- is it
- it is

9) Is her hair blond or brown? I wonder if _____ dyed...

- it is
- it's being
- is it

10) Don't you know if _____ going to come tonight?

- he is
- is he
- he's been

ANSWERS:

- 1) they will be
 - 2) they do
 - 3) your name is
 - 4) it's free
 - 5) his car is
 - 6) he is
 - 7) he has hidden
 - 8) it is
 - 9) it is
 - 10) he is
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