

Solution Sheet

Here are the correct solutions for all the practice sentences with explanations. How did you do? 😊

Exercise 1: Placing Question Marks Correctly

Solutions

1. How many participants are expected to attend the conference?
→ **Direct question**
2. The professor asked if everyone had completed the assignment
→ **Indirect question**
3. Can anyone explain the difference between qualitative and quantitative research?
→ **Direct question**
4. Is it true that the seminar has been postponed until next month?
→ **Direct question**
5. She inquired whether the library would be open late during finals week
→ **Indirect question**
6. Did he mention when the research paper is due?
→ **Direct question**
7. I'm curious about what topics will be covered in tomorrow's lecture
→ **Indirect question**
8. It would be helpful to know how many pages the essay should be
→ **Indirect question**
9. What was the main argument of the author's thesis?
→ **Direct question**
10. Can you tell me what time the library closes?
→ **Direct question**
11. I wonder if the group meeting is scheduled for tomorrow
→ **Indirect question**
12. Did she say, "We need to leave now"?
→ **It is placed outside the quotation marks, as the whole sentence is a question**
13. I can't believe he actually asked, "Will you marry me?"
→ **It is placed inside the quotation marks, as only the quotation is a question**
14. She asked, "Can you meet at 10 PM?"
→ **It is placed inside the quotation marks, as only the quotation is a question**
15. What did you mean by (Can you clarify this point)?
→ **It is placed outside the parentheses, as the whole sentence is a question**
16. I wonder if it's going to rain today (Check the weather forecast)
→ **Indirect question and a statement within the parentheses**
17. He whispered, "Do you think they heard us?"
→ **It is placed inside the quotation marks, as only the quotation is a question.**
18. Is it true that she said, "I'll be moving to New York"?
→ **It is placed outside the quotation marks, as the whole sentence is a question**
19. Can you believe he wondered, "Is this your first time skiing"?
→ **It is placed outside the quotation marks, as the whole sentence is a question**

20. She couldn't answer the question (What is the capital of France?)
→ It is placed inside the parentheses, as only the content within is a question
21. He asked, "Have you seen my glasses?"
→ It is placed inside the quotation marks, as only the quotation is a question
22. Is it necessary to include a bibliography at the end of every research paper?
→ Direct question
23. How does photosynthesis work in plants?
→ Direct question
24. She asked whether the experiment would require additional resources
→ Indirect question
25. Do you know if the conference is open to undergraduate students?
→ Direct question
26. What impact does global warming have on marine ecosystems?
→ Direct question
27. Can anyone explain why the sky is blue?
→ Direct question
28. The instructor inquired if all students had submitted their essays
→ Indirect question

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice Questions

Solutions

Question 1

When is a question mark used?

- A. At the end of every sentence
- B. Only at the end of direct questions**
- C. At the end of indirect questions
- D. After every sentence that contains the word "question"

Question 2

Which of the following is an example of a direct question?

- A. She asked if I was going to the meeting
- B. Wondering what time the train leaves
- C. How many countries are in Europe?**
- D. They inquired whether the project was complete

Question 3

What type of question mark is used in Spanish to indicate the beginning of a question?

- A. Inverted question mark (¿)**

- B. Double question mark
- C. Standard question mark
- D. Reverted question mark

Question 4

In which case might a question mark not be used at the end of a sentence in formal writing?

- A. When the sentence is a direct question
- B. When the sentence is an indirect question**
- C. When the author is unsure about the information
- D. When asking about someone's well-being

Question 5

Which of the following sentences correctly uses a question mark?

- A. I wonder if he will join us for dinner?
- B. Did she say, "We are leaving now?"
- C. Is it possible to see the Northern Lights tonight?**
- D. They asked if it was going to rain today?

Question 6

What is the purpose of the mirrored question mark in rhetorical questions?

- A. To indicate that an answer is required
- B. To express doubt or uncertainty
- C. To signal a question for which no answer is expected**
- D. To mark the sentence as important

Exercise 3: True or False?

Solutions

Statement 1

An indirect question always ends with a question mark.

- A. True
- B. False**

Statement 2

The use of question marks is the same in all languages.

- A. True
- B. False**

Statement 3

When a quotation within a statement is a question, the question mark is placed inside the quotation mark.

- A. True**
- B. False

Statement 4

When a question is enclosed by parentheses amidst a sentence, the question mark is placed inside the parentheses.

- A. True**
- B. False

Statement 5

A rhetorical question does not end in a question mark because it doesn't demand an answer.

- A. True
- B. False**

Statement 6

A question mark is used at the end of a declarative sentence to indicate the speaker's uncertainty.

- A. True
- B. False**

Statement 7

A question mark should be placed after every sentence in a list if the list is introduced by a direct question.

- A. True**
- B. False