

WHERE DOES THE QUESTION MARK GO? ?

Tags, quotations, and punctuation

1. Question Tags

Statement

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short tag

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You are ready, **aren't you?**



Positive statement → negative tag



Negative statement → positive tag

She is not coming, **is she?**

2. Inside or Outside Quotation Marks?



Quoted Words Are the Question

She asked, "Are you busy?"



Whole Sentence Is the Question

Did she say, "I am busy"?



Place the mark where the actual question ends.

3. One End Mark Is Enough



Where are the keys?.



Where are the keys?



What happened???



What happened?



"Are you coming?,"
she asked.



"Are you coming?"
she asked.



A question mark already closes the sentence.



DIRECT OR INDIRECT QUESTION?

Choose the correct end mark



Direct Question

Someone is directly asking



Where are my keys ?

Did you call her ?

Would you like tea or coffee ?



Direct question → ?

Indirect Question

Someone reports or refers to a question



I wonder where my keys are .

She asked why the office was closed .

Please tell me when they will return .



Indirect question → .

CONFUSION-CLEAR

Where is the library ?



Direct question:

is the library



She asked where the library was .



Indirect question:

the library was



Indirect questions normally use statement word order.

