

- 1) Do you know this dress is? I'd like to buy it!
- 2) 'Err ... is the Empire State Building?' '1250 feet high, I think! '
- 3) Look at Bob! is he? He's 30 and I know that you're younger ...
- 4) I can notice this news is to you
- 5) I need some petrol, but is it from here to London?
- 6) Look at the cakes in the box, and tell me there are left ... I may need to buy more!
- 7) I'm at the swimming pool! Do you know it is?
- 8) Be sensible! Don't carry this case! Look it is!
- 9) I don't know it has been since I last saw you ...
- 10) I'm really suprised when I see he is for his age!
- 11) Of course I did! Every month ... did you visit him?
- 12) Really ... I can't forget you were when I needed some help!

Answer

- 1) Do you know **how much** this dress is? I'd like to buy it!

In this sentence someone wants to know the price of a dress. The question is indirect, therefore, the construction will be : 'Interrogative word + Subject + verb'. This indirect question is introduced by 'do you know ?', which is a direct question.

2) 'Err ...how high is the Empire State Building?' '1250 feet high, I think! '

This is a direct question to ask about the height of the Empire State Building. => 'How high is the ESB?'

3) Look at Bob! how old is he? He's 30 and I know that you're younger ...

This is a direct interrogative clause to ask Bob's age. => 'How old + verb + Bob =?'

4) I can notice how important this news is to you

This is a direct interrogative clause to ask about 'news'. Is it important or not? Please, notice that 'news' DEMANDS the verb in the singular. 'What's the news?' 'The news is important'.

5) I need some petrol, but how far is it from here to London?

This is a direct question to ask the distance there is between London and the place where the car has stopped. => 'How far is it ... ?'

6) Look at the cakes in the box, and tell me how many there are left ... I may need to buy more!

Here, we have an indirect question to ask information about the number of cakes (countables) there are left in the box. => '... how many cakes there are ...'

7) I'm at the swimming pool! Do you know **how wide** it is?

This indirect question is inquiring about the width of the pool : 'Do you know how wide it is ...'. It's introduced by 'Do you know?', which is a direct question ...

8) Be sensible! Don't carry this case! Look **how heavy** it is!

To be sensible = to be reasonable ; a case = a suitcase. I don't want you to carry this case because it's too heavy ! 'Look how heavy it is ' = an exclamative clause !

9) I don't know **how long** it has been since I last saw you ...

This is an indirect question introduced by 'I don't know'. => 'Interrogative word + Subject + verb'

10) I'm really suprised when I see **how tall** he is for his age!

This is an indirect interrogative clause introduced by : 'I'm very surprised to see ...'

11) Of course I did! Every month ... **how often** did you visit him?

'How often ... ' = 'How frequently?' This interrogative clause is direct => 'How often + verb + subject + ? .'

12) Really ... I can't forget **how kind** you were when I needed some help!

This is an exclamative clause : How kind + subject + verb.

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