Latin

Indirect Questions Downloadable Resource

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Indirect Questions

- An indirect question **reports a question**, through an asking or knowing verb.

English	asking/knowing verb + question word + verb
	e.g. I asked the students what they were doing.
Latin	asking/knowing verb + question word + <u>subjunctive</u> verb
	e.g. *discupulos rogavi quid face<u>rent</u>.*

The Imperfect and Pluperfect Subjunctive

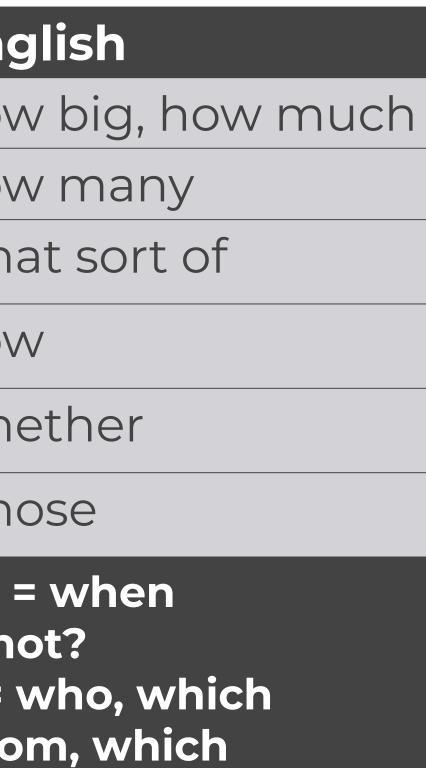| Tense	Indicative	Subjunctive	English
Imperfect	*-ba-*	*-re-*	was/were -ing
e.g.	*porta**ba**t*	*porta**re**t*	she **was** carry**ing**
Pluperfect	[perfect stem] *-era-*	[perfect stem] *-isse-*	had -ed
e.g.	*porta**vera**t*	*porta**visse**t*	she **had** carri**ed**
e.g.	*di**xera**t*	*di**xisse**t*	she **had** sai**d**

Irregular imperfect subjunctives: *esset* ('was'); *posset* ('was able');

vellet ('wanted'); *nollet* ('didn't want)

Question Words

Latin	English	Latin	English
cur	why	*quantus*	how big, how much
ubi	where	*quot*	how many
quo	where to	*qualis*	what sort of
unde	where from	*quomodo*	how
quis	who, which	*num*	whether
quid	what, which	*cuius*	whose
quam (+ adj)	how (+ adj)		

ubi (conjunction) = when
num? = surely … not?
qui, quae, quod = who, which
quam = than, whom, which

Question Verbs

Latin	English
(ne)scio	I (do not) know
rogo	I ask
intellego	I understand, realise
cognosco	I get to know, find out
cogito	I think, consider
narro	I tell
quaero	I ask

Main Task

Translate into English.

1. *ego nesciebam quid accidisset.*

2. *deus hominem rogavit quis esset et unde venisset.*

3. *dux cogitabat quo modo effugere posset.*

4. *tandem rex cognovit in quanto periculo cives essent.*

5. *milites imperatorem rogaverunt num ille sciret quo ambularent.*

6. *dea, cum vidisset quid rex faceret, irata erat.*

Don't forget the Challenge!

Challenge

Translate these harder sentences including an indirect question and a *cum* clause.

1. *vir, cum trans mare ad templum navigavisset, deos rogavit cur fratrem necavissent.*
2. *rex, cum intellexisset quot amicos regina necavisset, iratissimus erat.*
3. *cives, cum totam rem audivissent, intellegebant quam infelices essent.*
4. *num vos sciebatis num alii fugissent?*
5. *rex igitur, cum vellet scire quale bellum gerere deberet, nuntios cum donis ad deos misit.*

Review

Only turn to this section once you have completed the main task(s).

Main Task: Review

1. *ego nesciebam quid accidisset.* I did not know what had happened.
2. *deus hominem rogavit quis esset et unde venisset.* The god asked the man who he was and where he had come from.
3. *dux cogitabat quo modo effugere posset.* The leader was considering how he was able to escape.

Main Task: Review

4. *tandem rex cognovit in quanto periculo cives essent.* Finally the king found out in how much danger the citizens were.

5. *milites imperatorem rogaverunt num ille sciret quo ambularent.* The soldiers asked the emperor whether he knew where they were walking (to).

6. *dea, cum vidisset quid rex faceret, irata erat.* The goddess, when she had seen what the king was doing, was angry.

Challenge: Review

Correct your answers.

1. *vir, cum trans mare ad templum navigavisset, deos rogavit cur fratrem necavissent.* The man, when he had sailed across the sea to the temple, asked the gods why they had killed his brother.
2. *rex, cum intellexisset quot amicos regina necavisset, iratissimus erat.* The king, when he had realised how many friends the queen had killed, was very angry.
3. *cives, cum totam rem audivissent, intellegebant quam infelices essent.* The citizens, when they had heard the whole matter, where realising how unlucky they were.

Challenge: Review

Correct your answers.

4. *num vos sciebatis num alii fugissent?* Surely you did not know whether the others had fled?

5. *rex igitur, cum vellet scire quale bellum gerere deberet, nuntios cum donis ad deos misit.* Therefore the king, since he wanted to know what sort of war he ought to wage, sent messengers to the gods with gifts.