



ENGLISH GRAMMAR (ADVANCED)

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Embedded Questions in statements

An embedded question is a question that is included inside another question or statement. They are common after introductory phrases, such as:

- I wonder
- Could you tell me
- Do you know
- Can you remember
- Let's ask
- We need to find out
- I'd like to know
- I don't know
- Could you tell me
- I'm not sure
- Would you mind explaining

We move the verb to the end of the sentence.

Examples:

Who is that man?

- I don't know who that man is.

What time is their flight?

- I can't tell you what time their flight is.

What do you think he is going to answer?

- I'm not sure what his answer is going to be.

What does he do for a living?

- He told me what he does for a living.

Who is she (trying to talk to)?

- I found out who she is (trying to talk to).

Can you use a phone here?

- I don't know if I can use my phone here.

Are there any biscuits left?

- I think she will tell me if there are any biscuits left.

EMBEDDED QUESTIONS IN LONG SENTENCES

If we have a long sentence like the one below, we place the verb after the noun.

INCORRECT

- ✗ We would like to know what **is** the best way to ensure natural resources are not wasted.
- ✗ We would like to know what the best way to ensure natural resources are not wasted **is**.

CORRECT

- ✓ We would like to know what the best way **is** to ensure natural resources are not wasted.