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Asking and answering questions

LISTENING

An environmental accident

The Daily Reporter

Tanker Grounded

200 tonnes of oil leak into sea



1 1.2 Following this news announcement, a journalist interviews a spokesperson from the company that owns the tanker. Listen to the interview.

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- 1 What caused the accident?
- 2 How many accidents has the ship been involved in?
- 3 Does the spokesperson come out of it well?

2 Complete the questions the journalist asks.

- 1 _____ how this happened?
- 2 This isn't the first time this particular ship has been in an accident, _____?
- 3 And _____ to do to limit the damage?
- 4 _____ this kind of accident is acceptable?
- 5 It's a PR disaster for your company, _____?

GRAMMAR

Indirect questions

3 Look at exercise 2. Study the structure of the indirect questions in sentences 1 and 4, and the tag questions in sentences 2 and 5.

4 Convert the following questions into indirect questions.

- 0 How many years' experience do you have in customer service?
Can you tell me how many years' experience you have in customer service?
- 1 Where have you worked before?
I'd be interested to know _____.
- 2 Are you an ambitious person?
Would you say _____?
- 3 Have you gone as far as you can in your present job?
Do you think _____?
- 4 Who are our main customers?
Do you know _____?

5 Convert the following questions into tag questions.

- 0 Are you interested in a full-time job?
You're interested in a full-time job, aren't you?
- 1 Are you married? _____?
- 2 Can't you start tomorrow? _____?
- 3 Have you only worked for smaller companies? _____?
- 4 Did you manage to find our offices easily? _____?
- 5 Is this your first real job? _____?
- 6 Would you be able to work part-time? _____?

SPEAKING

A job interview

6 How would you feel if you were asked these questions? How would you reply?

- 1 Can you tell me why you think you'll be good at this job?
- 2 Why should I employ you?
- 3 You don't have much experience in this field, do you?
- 4 You've taken quite a lot of time out from work. Why is that?
- 5 You are quite a quietly-spoken person. Do you have trouble asserting yourself?
- 6 Now, your last job. Did you choose to leave?
- 7 And what do you know about our company?
- 8 So tell me what you did yesterday.



7 Work with a partner. Each choose one of the following jobs to be interviewed for. Prepare five questions each and then take it in turns to adopt the role of interviewer and interviewee. Try to put your interviewee 'on the spot'.

- firefighter restaurant manager web designer
fundraiser for local sports club trainee investment advisor