Interrogative structures

Subject + verb + interrogative + clause

I asked where she was going.

Nobody knows when he will arrive.

I wonder what he wants.

She showed how distressed she was.

I don't understand why she behaved like that.

I could not decide what I should do next.

Common verbs which are usually used in this pattern are: say, ask, wonder, know, believe, imagine, decide, discuss, understand, show, reveal, find out, suggest and tell.

Subject + verb + noun / pronoun + interrogative + clause

Common verbs which are used in this pattern are: tell, ask, show, teach, advise and inform.

She asked me where I was going.

I showed them how they should do it.

Can you tell me where he lives?

Please tell me where I should turn off the main road.

Subject + verb + interrogative + to-infinitive

The most common verbs used in this pattern are: know, understand, wonder, remember, forget, decide, enquire, see, explain, guess, learn, consider

I don't know how to do it.

She knows how to drive a car.

Tom couldn't decide what to do next.

You should remember when to turn off the main road.

He forgot how to do it.

Subject + verb + noun / pronoun + interrogative + to-infinitive

I will show you how to operate it.

Please inform us how to get there.

He has taught me how to play chess.

Please advise me how to do it.

Interrogative structures

We asked him where to get tickets.