Question Intonation: Direct and Indirect

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the likely intonation.

Does the question usually end with rising or falling intonation?

1. Where do you work?
   Choices: rising ? / falling ?

   Answer: _____

2. Do you have any brothers or sisters?
   Choices: rising ? / falling ?

   Answer: _____

3. What time does the class start?
   Choices: rising ? / falling ?

   Answer: _____

4. Are you free on Saturday?
   Choices: rising ? / falling ?

   Answer: _____

2. Add the arrow.

Write ? or ? for the end of each question.

1. Why did you choose this school? ___

2. Is your sister older than you? ___

3. How long have you lived here? ___

4. Do you like tea or coffee? (the second option) ___

3. Mark and practice.

Write the question and mark the intonation with arrows. Then say it aloud.

1. A direct question about someone’s job.

3. Mark and practice. (continued)

2. A yes/no question about someone’s weekend.

3. An indirect question to a stranger.