

Indirect questions for BULATS Speaking (describing objects and using synonyms)

Match pairs of questions below which mean the same thing.

1. Finally, can you tell me what after sales service there is?
2. My first question is how much it costs.
3. Before we finish, I have one additional question. Is it ecologically friendly?
4. Next, would you mind telling me what the payment terms are?
5. To start with, I need to know how heavy it is.
6. Firstly, please tell me what its dimensions are.
7. Can I ask for some more information on that point? How long is the guarantee for?
8. I'd also like to know what it looks like.
9. I also have a question about its appearance.
10. First off, could you tell me its size?
11. Can you give me some additional information about how green it is?
12. First, can you tell me what the price would be?
13. First of all, I'd like to ask how much it weighs.
14. Could I also ask what amount of electricity it will use?
15. The next thing I would like to know is its power consumption.
16. Last of all, I have a question about what support there will be after I purchase it.
17. I do have just one more question. Is there a warrantee?
18. My second question is how long we have to pay.

Make direct questions from the indirect questions above.

Underline phrases for indirect questions and circle useful ones for organising your questions.

Divide those phrases into ones for:

- Your first question
- Your second question
- The last of the three questions on the list
- Additional questions

Which phrases for organising your questions and asking indirect questions are more formal and more informal?

What synonyms or near-synonyms helped you with the first task?

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Suggested answers

*Synonyms are in **bold**.*

Your first question

My first question is how much it **costs**. = First, can you tell me what the **price** would be?

First of all, I'd like to ask how much it **weighs**. = To start with, I need to know how **heavy** it is.

First off, could you tell me its **size**? = Firstly, please tell me what its **dimensions** are.

Your second question

I'd also like to know what it **looks like**. = I also have a question about its **appearance**.

My second question is how long we have to pay. = Next, would you mind telling me what the payment terms are?

Could I also ask what **amount of electricity** it will use? = The next thing I would like to know is its **power consumption**.

The last of the three questions on the list

Last of all, I have a question about what support there will be after I purchase it. = Finally, can you tell me what after sales service there is?

Additional questions

I do have just one more question. Is there a **warranty**? = Can I ask for some more information on that point? How long is the **guarantee** for?

Before we finish, I have one additional question. Is it **ecologically friendly**? = Can you give me some additional information about how **green** it is?