Some verbs can be followed by a **question word + clause**. Study the following sentences.

I asked **what she was doing**.
Nobody knows **how he did it**.
I wonder **why she is angry with me**.
She showed **how annoyed she was**.
I can’t decide **what I should do next**.
I don’t understand **why she has behaved like that**.
He couldn’t figure out **what he should do**.

The important verbs used in this pattern are: *say, ask, wonder, know, believe, imagine, decide, discuss, understand, show, reveal, suggest* and *tell*.

Some verbs can be followed by a **noun / pronoun + question word + clause**.

She asked me **why I was angry with her**.
Tell **me what this is**.
I showed them **how they should do it**.
Could you please tell **me what I should do**?
Can you tell **me where she lives**?

Verbs that can be followed by an object + interrogative are: *tell, ask, show, teach, advice and inform*.

**Grammar notes**

In the question word clause we use normal word order: subject + verb.

Tell me **who she is**. (NOT Tell me who is she?)
Could you please tell me **what I should do now**? (NOT Could you please tell me what should I do now?)