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?)