

Examples of indirect questions

στῆσόν με κάξιδρυσον, ὥς πυθώμεθα
ὅπου ποτ' ἐσμέν· μανθάνειν γὰρ ἤκομεν
ξένοι πρὸς ἀστῶν, ἂν δ' ἀκούσωμεν τελεῖν.

Stand me there and let me rest, so that we can find out where we are. We have come as foreigners to learn from the citizens, and to do what we are told.

Sophocles Oedipus at Colonus 11-13

“καὶ οἶμαι,” ἔφη, “ἐμὴν ταύτην πατρίδα εἶναι· καὶ εἰ μή τι κωλύει, ἐθέλω αὐτοῖς
διαλεχθῆναι.”

“ἀλλ' οὐδὲν κωλύει,” ἔφη, “ἀλλὰ διαλέγου καὶ μάθε πρῶτον τίνες εἰσίν.”

He said, "I think that this is my homeland. And if there's nothing stopping me, I want to go and talk to them."

"No, nothing's stopping you," he said, "so go and talk with them and find out first of all who they are."

Xenophon Anabasis 4.8

ἡρώτων ἐκεῖνοι εἰ δοῖεν ἂν τούτων τὰ πιστά. οἱ δ' ἔφασαν καὶ δοῦναι καὶ λαβεῖν
ἐθέλειν.

They asked if they would give oaths on this. They answered that they wanted to both give and take them.

Xenophon Anabasis 4.8

εὕρημα δ' οὐκ οἶσθ' οἷον ἡύρηκας τόδε·

You don't know what a find you've made.

Euripides Medea 716

θαυμάζω ὅπως ἠθέλησέ σοι ὁ τοῦ δεσμωτηρίου φύλαξ ὑπακοῦσαι.

I am surprised that the watchman of the prison was willing to let you in.

Plato Crito 43a

πολλὰς δ' ἔχουσα θανασίμους αὐτοῖς ὁδοῦς, οὐκ οἶδ' ὅποιαν πρῶτον ἐγχειρῶ, φίλαι·

Having many murderous paths open to me, I don't know which one I will choose

Euripides Medea 376-7