

28 find out; find something out

Study Read these sentences carefully.

- ▶ I don't know the answer to that question, but I'll **find out** for you.
- ▶ You'll never **find out** my secret!
- ▶ How did you **find that out**?
- ▶ They called him to **find out** why he wasn't at work.
- ▶ She was furious when she **found out** that he'd been lying to her.

Check Use the sentences in the Study box to help you do these exercises.

MEANING

Which of these verbs can mean the same as *find out*? Choose one answer.

- a to discover
- b to invent
- c to know



GRAMMAR

Which of these are grammatically possible?

- a What have you found out?
- b I found the truth out.
- c Did you find out the truth?
- d I found it out quite quickly.
- e I found out it quite quickly.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Practise

1 *Find out* is often used with question words. Imagine you are a private detective, and a client has asked you to investigate a man who has been following her. She wants the answers to these questions. Complete the sentences.

a (Who is he?)

I want you to find out who _____.

b (Where does he live?)

Can you find out where _____?

c (Why is he following me?)

I must find out _____.

d (What does he want?)

I have to _____.

2 Now write a short summary of your report to your client, using the verb *find out*.

→ Now check your answers in the key.

Build your vocabulary

SYNONYMS

You can **discover** something that other people know but you didn't. You can **find out** something by chance or by asking, reading, looking on the Internet, etc:

- ▶ *I've just **discovered** she's married!*
- ▶ *I've done some research and **found out** where they're living now.*