Testing Your Understanding: The Question Mark

Place a question mark where appropriate in the following sentences. Cross out any misplaced question marks. If the sentence is correct as written, indicate with a “C.” An answer key follows.

1. Mrs. Kent asked her son, Clark, if he was going to take Lana to the prom?
2. Clark wondered if Lana had guessed everything (who he was?) about him.
3. Clark’s father teased him, “How long is it going to take before you ask Lana out on a real date.”
4. Lana did know if Clark really liked her? Just wanted to be friends? Or was playing games?
5. I wonder why super heroes wear tights?

Answers below:

Answer Key:

6. Mrs. Kent asked her son, Clark, if he was going to take Lana to the prom? (see # 3 – indirect question)
7. Clark wondered if Lana had guessed everything [who he was?] about him. C (see # 2 – uncertainty within a sentence)
8. Clark’s father teased him, “How long is it going to take before you ask Lana out on a real date?” (see # 1)
9. Lana did know if Clark really liked her? Just wanted to be friends? Or was playing games? C (see # 4)

10. I wonder why super heroes wear tights? (see # 3 – statement vs. direct question)