

## Lesson (5)

### Reported speech

#### (Wh questions & Yes or No questions)

#### What is Reported Speech?

Reported speech is used to tell someone what another person said, without quoting them directly. Instead of using their exact words, you rephrase the sentence.

#### Reporting Questions

When reporting questions, the following rules apply:

##### 1. Change the question form to a statement form.

- Direct: "Where are you going?"
- Reported: She asked where I was going.

##### 2. No question marks in reported speech.

##### 3. Adjust the tense of the verbs.

- Direct: "What do you like?"
- Reported: He asked what I liked.

##### 4. Change pronouns and time/place words where necessary.

- Direct: "Will you visit me tomorrow?"
- Reported: She asked if I would visit her the next day.

#### Types of Questions in Reported Speech

##### A. WH-Questions

These are questions that begin with words like who, what, where, when, why, how.

- **Structure:** Reporting Verb + Question Word + Subject + Verb
- **Example:** Direct: "Where is my book?"
  - Reported: She asked where her book was.

##### B. Yes/No Questions

These are questions that can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no."

- **Structure:** Reporting Verb + if/whether + Subject + Verb
- **Example:** Direct: "Are you coming to the party?"
  - Reported: She asked if I was coming to the party.

## Key Rules

**a. Tense Changes:** When reporting, the tense usually shifts back in time:

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present Simple → Past Simple	"Where do you live?" → She asked where I lived.
Present Continuous → Past Continuous	"What are you doing?" → He asked what I was doing.
Past Simple → Past Perfect	"When did you arrive?" → She asked when I had arrived.
Present Perfect → Past Perfect	"Have you seen it?" → He asked if I had seen it.
Future Simple → Would	"Will you help me?" → She asked if I would help her.

**b. Pronouns and Time/Place Words**

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
I → He/She	"What do I do?" → She asked what she should do.
You → I/They	"Can you help me?" → He asked if I could help him.
Today → That day	"What are you doing today?" → She asked what I was doing that day.
Tomorrow → The next day	"Will you come tomorrow?" → He asked if I would come the next day.

**c. Modal Verbs**

- Can becomes **could**.
- May becomes **might**.
- Must usually becomes **had to**.

## Exercises

### A- Change the following direct questions into reported speech:

1. "Where are you going?" she asked.  
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2. "What do you like to eat?" he asked.  
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3. "Why didn't you call me?" she asked.  
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4. "When will the train arrive?" he asked.  
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5. "How do you solve this problem?" they asked.  
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### B. Change the following direct questions into reported speech:

1. "Are you coming to the party?" she asked.  
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2. "Do you like ice cream?" he asked.  
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3. "Have you finished your homework?" the teacher asked.  
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4. "Did you watch the match last night?" he asked.  
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5. "Will you help me with this task?" she asked.  
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### C. Complete using the correct form of the verbs in reported speech:

1. She asked where I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for vacation.
2. He asked if I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) my homework yet.
3. They asked what I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the day before.
4. The teacher asked if we \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the test.
5. She asked why I \_\_\_\_\_ (not call) her.



**D. Choose the correct option to complete each reported question:**

1. "Where is the library?" he asked.
  - A) He asked where the library is.
  - B) He asked where the library was.
  - C) He asked where was the library.
2. "Did you enjoy the movie?" she asked.
  - A) She asked if I enjoy the movie.
  - B) She asked if I had enjoyed the movie.
  - C) She asked if I enjoyed the movie.
3. "Why are you late?" the teacher asked.
  - A) The teacher asked why I was late.
  - B) The teacher asked why was I late.
  - C) The teacher asked why I am late.
4. "Can you help me?" he asked.
  - A) He asked if I can help him.
  - B) He asked if I could help him.
  - C) He asked if I might help him.
5. "What time will you arrive?" she asked.
  - A) She asked what time I will arrive.
  - B) She asked what time I would arrive.
  - C) She asked what time I had arrived.

## Homework

Match the direct questions to their correct reported speech in Column B.

<b>(Direct Questions)</b>	<b>(Reported Speech)</b>
"What are you doing?"	A. She asked if I was feeling better.
"Did you finish your homework?"	B. He asked why I was late.
"Why are you late?"	C. She asked if I had finished my homework.
"Are you feeling better?"	D. He asked where I was going.
"Where are you going?"	E. She asked what I was doing.

Rewrite the following questions in reported speech.

1. "Who is your favorite teacher?" she asked.  
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2. "Have you packed your lunch?" Mom asked.  
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3. "When will the exam start?" the student asked.  
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4. "Did you see the new movie?" he asked.  
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5. "What is your best subject?" the teacher asked.  
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### 3. Correct the Mistakes

1. She asked that where was I going. -----

2. He asked if did I like the book. -----

3. They asked why I don't come to the party. -----

4. She asked if I am hungry. -----

5. He asked what do I need. -----

**Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the reported speech.**

1. She asked what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) during the meeting.
2. He asked me if I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) the way to the station.
3. They wanted to know when the bus \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
4. I asked her why she \_\_\_\_\_ (not call) me earlier.
5. The teacher asked if we \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) our projects yet.

**Choose the correct answer for each sentence.**

1. "Where do you live?" she asked.
  - A) She asked where do I live.
  - B) She asked where I lived.
  - C) She asked where did I live.
2. "Did you enjoy the trip?" he asked.
  - A) He asked if I enjoyed the trip.
  - B) He asked if I had enjoyed the trip.
  - C) He asked if I would enjoy the trip.
3. "Why are you laughing?" they asked.
  - A) They asked why I was laughing.
  - B) They asked why was I laughing.
  - C) They asked why I am laughing.
4. "Will you help me with the project?" she asked.
  - A) She asked if I will help her with the project.
  - B) She asked if I would help her with the project.
  - C) She asked if I can help her with the project.
5. "What time did you wake up?" he asked.
  - A) He asked what time I woke up.
  - B) He asked what time had I woken up.
  - C) He asked what time I had woken up.