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## Mini Lesson 039 - Reported Speech with Questions

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In reported speech, we report what someone has said without quoting their exact words. When reporting questions, the word order and tenses change. We do not use question marks in reported questions, and the sentence becomes a statement.

### Key Rules:

#### 1. Yes/No Questions:

- Use **if** or **whether**.
- Change the tense of the verb in the question to match reported speech.
- Example:

Direct: "Are you coming?"

Reported: She asked if I was coming.

#### 2. Wh- Questions:

- Keep the question word (**what, where, who, how, etc.**).
- Follow it with the subject + verb in the correct tense.
- Example:

Direct: "Where do you live?"

Reported: He asked where I lived.





## Exercises

### Section 1: Change the Direct Questions to Reported Speech

1. "What time does the train leave?" (She asked)
2. "Are you going to the party?" (He asked)
3. "Where did you buy that dress?" (She asked)
4. "Do you have a pencil?" (The teacher asked)
5. "Why are you laughing?" (He asked)
6. "Did you see the movie last night?" (They asked)
7. "How old is your brother?" (She asked)
8. "Is it raining outside?" (He asked)
9. "What are you doing tomorrow?" (She asked)
10. "Do you speak French?" (He asked)

### Section 2: Convert the Reported Questions to Direct Speech

1. She asked what time the train left.
2. He asked if I was going to the party.
3. She asked where I had bought that dress.
4. The teacher asked if I had a pencil.
5. He asked why I was laughing.
6. They asked if I had seen the movie the previous night.
7. She asked how old my brother was.
8. He asked if it was raining outside.
9. She asked what I was doing the next day.
10. He asked if I spoke French.





### Section 3: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences by reporting the questions.

1. "Are you tired?" → She asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "What is your favorite color?" → He asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "Did you finish your homework?" → The teacher asked us \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "Where is the nearest bus stop?" → They asked \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "How do you make this dish?" → She asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
6. "Do you know John?" → He asked her \_\_\_\_\_.
7. "Why didn't you call me?" → She asked him \_\_\_\_\_.
8. "Is he going to join the team?" → They asked \_\_\_\_\_.
9. "When did you arrive?" → She asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
10. "Will you help me with the project?" → He asked \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answers

#### Section 1:

1. She asked what time the train left.
2. He asked if I was going to the party.
3. She asked where I had bought that dress.
4. The teacher asked if I had a pencil.
5. He asked why I was laughing.
6. They asked if I had seen the movie the previous night.
7. She asked how old my brother was.
8. He asked if it was raining outside.
9. She asked what I was doing the next day.
10. He asked if I spoke French.





**Section 2:**

1. "What time does the train leave?"
2. "Are you going to the party?"
3. "Where did you buy that dress?"
4. "Do you have a pencil?"
5. "Why are you laughing?"
6. "Did you see the movie last night?"
7. "How old is your brother?"
8. "Is it raining outside?"
9. "What are you doing tomorrow?"
10. "Do you speak French?"

**Section 3:**

1. if I was tired.
2. what my favorite color was.
3. if we had finished our homework.
4. where the nearest bus stop was.
5. how to make the dish.
6. if she knew John.
7. why he hadn't called her.
8. if he was going to join the team.
9. when I had arrived.
10. if I would help him with the project.

