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Reported Questions



Yesterday, Eric had a job interview.

The manager asked Eric **if/whether he had had any experience.**

He also asked him **why he wanted the job.**

- ◆ Reported questions are usually introduced with the verbs **ask, inquire, wonder** or the expression **want to know.**
- ◆ When the direct question begins with a question word (**who, where, how old, how long, when, why, what, etc.**), the reported question is introduced with the same question word.
e.g. '**What do you want to know?**' she asked me.
She asked me **what I wanted to know.**
- ◆ When the direct question begins with an auxiliary (**is, do, have**) or a modal verb (**can, may, etc.**), then the reported question begins with **if** or **whether.**
e.g. '**Have you seen this man before?**' he asked me.
He asked me **if/whether I had seen the man before.**

- ◆ In reported questions, the verb is in the affirmative. The question mark and words/expressions such as *please, well, oh, etc.* are omitted. The verb tenses, pronouns and time expressions change as in statements.

e.g. '**Can you hold the door for me, please?**' the man asked me.

The man asked me **if/whether I could hold the door for him.**

'**Where are you going?**' Sam asked her.

Sam asked her **where she was going.**

(NOT: Sam asked her **where was she going.**)

Turn the following into reported questions

- 1 'Where do you live?' I asked her.
...I asked her where she lived....
- 2 'How old will you be on your next birthday?' he asked me.
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- 3 'Where is your umbrella?' she asked her daughter.
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- 4 'Do you like playing football?' John asked us.
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- 5 The boss asked, 'What time are you going home today?'
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- 6 'Will you take the children to school today?' he asked.
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- 7 'Who called you today?' she asked.
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- 8 'When will you decorate the kitchen?' Martha asked.
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- 9 'Who broke my vase?' I asked.
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- 10 Father asked, 'Will you help me lift these boxes, please?'
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- 11 'Can you speak a foreign language?' she asked her.
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- 12 'Where is the tourist information centre?' we asked.
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Yesterday, Marion met a couple who were on holiday in London. They were looking at a map. She asked them some questions. Turn them into reported questions.

- 1 'Are you lost?'
...Marion asked them if/whether they were lost....
- 2 'Can you speak English?'
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- 3 'Where are you from?'
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- 4 'Is your hotel near here?'
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- 5 'Where do you want to go?'
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- 6 'Were you looking for Big Ben?'
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- 7 'Have you been to the British Museum?'
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- 8 'Have you visited Buckingham Palace?'
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- 9 'Do you like London?'
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