

What are Reported Questions and Commands?

Worksheet

Reported questions use statement word order with 'if/whether' for yes-no questions ('Are you ready?' → 'She asked if I was ready'). Reported commands use 'tell/ask + infinitive' ('Close the door!' → 'He told me to close the door').

Questions

1. 'Where is he?' reported as...
 - A) I asked where is he
 - B) I asked where he is
 - C) I asked where he was
 - D) I asked is he where
2. 'Have you seen it?' reported as...
 - A) She asked if you have seen it
 - B) She asked if I had seen it
 - C) She asked if I have seen it
 - D) She asked if have I seen it
3. Report 'Don't be late!' using 'She told...'
 - A) She told not to be late
 - B) She told to not be late
 - C) She told him not to be late
 - D) She told him don't be late
4. 'Will you help me?' reported as...
 - A) He asked will I help him
 - B) He asked if I will help him
 - C) He asked if I would help him
 - D) He asked I help him
5. Report: 'What time is it?' using 'I asked...'
6. Report: 'Have you finished?' using 'She asked...'
7. Report: 'Sit down!' as a command
8. Define: How do you report a yes-no question?
9. Define: Reported question word order?
10. Define: How do you report a command?

Answer Key

1. C) I asked where he was — Statement word order ('he was') + tense backshift (present → past).
2. B) She asked if I had seen it — Yes-no → 'if' + statement order + present perfect → past perfect.
3. C) She told him not to be late — Negative command: 'tell + object + not + to + infinitive'.
4. C) He asked if I would help him — Yes-no question + future → conditional. 'will' → 'would'.
5. Direct question: 'What time is it?' (question order) Reported form: move to statement order + apply tense backshift Result: I asked what time it was.
6. Yes-no question: use 'if' or 'whether' Tense: present perfect → past perfect Result: She asked if I had finished.
7. Command: use 'tell' + to + infinitive Tense stays as infinitive (to sit) Result: She told him to sit down.
8. Use 'if' or 'whether' + statement order + tense backshift. 'Are you ready?' → 'She asked if I was ready'.
9. Statement order, not question order. 'Where did you go?' → 'He asked where I had gone' (had gone, not did I go).
10. Use 'tell/ask + infinitive'. 'Close the door!' → 'She told him to close the door'.

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