

How to Form Reported Speech for Questions?

Worksheet

Reported questions transform direct questions into statements using if/whether or question words, with past tense shifts and statement word order ('Did you go?' becomes 'He asked if I had gone').

Questions

1. 'Do you like pizza?' (she asked). Reported?

- A) She asked do you like pizza
- B) She asked if you like pizza
- C) She asked if I liked pizza
- D) She asked whether I like pizza

2. 'What is your name?' reported form?

- A) He asked what is your name
- B) He asked what your name is
- C) He asked what my name was
- D) He asked my name

3. Reported yes/no question: correct structure?

- A) asked was I ready
- B) asked if I was ready
- C) asked if was I ready
- D) asked whether was I

4. 'When will you arrive?' reported?

- A) He asked when will you arrive
- B) He asked when I will arrive
- C) He asked when would I arrive
- D) He asked when I arrived

5. Direct: 'Where do you live?' (he asked). Reported form?

6. Direct: 'Did you finish your homework?' Reported?

7. 'What time does the train leave?' (she asked). Report it.

8. Define: Reported question: direct vs reported?

9. Define: Yes/no questions in reported?

10. Define: Tense shift in reported questions?

Answer Key

1. C) She asked if I liked pizza — 'if' for yes/no, tense shift (like→liked), pronoun change (you→I).
2. C) He asked what my name was — Question word (what), tense shift (is→was), statement word order.
3. B) asked if I was ready — Always use if/whether + statement word order.
4. C) He asked when would I arrive — Tense shift: will→would. Subject-verb order unchanged.
5. Question word: Where Statement word order: ask where... Tense shift: do live → did live Result: He asked where I lived.
6. Yes/no question: use 'if' or 'whether' Tense shift: did finish → had finished Result: She asked if I had finished my homework.
7. Question word: What time Statement order: ask what time... Tense shift: does leave → did leave Result: She asked what time the train left.
8. Direct uses question word order and question mark. Reported uses statement order: He asked where I went (not where did I go).
9. Use 'if' or 'whether': He asked if I was coming (not asked was I coming).
10. Same as statements: present→past, will→would, etc.

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