

REPORTED SPEECH - QUESTIONS

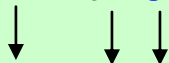
IMPORTANT! The question always becomes an affirmative sentence. The tense of the sentence is always changed to a previous one.

CASE 1: The answer is a sentence with new information.

A- Question with auxiliar DO / DOES / DID

Examples:

- Where **do you go** on weekends?



He asked me where **X I went** on weekends.

The SUBJECT is sometimes changed. In this example it was.
The word order is the same in direct and reported speech but in the second one the AUXILIAR is not used.

- What time **did Mary arrive** last morning?



He asked me what time **X Mary had arrived** the morning before.

In the second example the SUBJECT is not changed.

- How often does Paul go to swimming lessons?

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B- Questions with verb TO BE and with auxiliars CAN, MUST, WILL, HAVE, MAY, etc..

Examples:

- Where **is the cinema**?



He asked me where **the cinema was**.

The word order is different in direct and reported form. When reporting a question it becomes SUBJECT + VERB (in a previous tense)

- What **can we do** tomorrow in the evening?



He asked what **we could do** the following day in the evening.

- When will you finish your homework?

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PRACTICE:

1. What is your favourite song?
2. How often do you play tennis?
3. Why can't you phone me?
4. When will you buy a new computer?
5. Who are these people?
6. How does Lucy go to school?
7. Where have you been last week?
8. Which of these pencils is yours?
9. How many students were there in the classroom last class?
10. Where does your mother work?

CASE 2: The answer is YES or NO

A- Question with auxiliar DO / DOES / DID

Examples:

- Do you like carrots?



He asked me IF I liked carrots

- Does Jason watch TV at night?



He asked me IF Jason watched TV at night.

- Did they visit you yesterday?

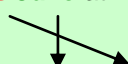
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B- Questions with verb TO BE and with auxiliars CAN, MUST, WILL, HAVE, MAY, etc..

Examples:

- Is Julie at home?



He asked me IF Julie was at home.

- Will you come later?



He asked me IF I would go later

- Has Paul got any brothers ?

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PRACTICE:

1. Do you study on Mondays?
2. Have you been to Liverpool?
3. Can the children phone me when you arrive?
4. Are you travelling this year?
5. Does your mum cook well?
6. Will James open the window?
7. Must parent help children to do their homework?
8. May I clean the board?
9. Did the teacher give you yor exam?
10. Has Colin already boght a new car?