

Reported Questions

1> Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1 We asked the teacher how much time *did we have / we had / we have* to finish the essay.
- 2 Fiona asked me why *hadn't I come / I hadn't come / I didn't come* to the meeting.
- 3 Sue asked Jack if *he was / he is / was he* going to install security cameras.
- 4 Sara wanted to know what time *are we leaving / we are leaving / we were leaving*.
- 5 The judge asked me *if I'm taking / were you taking / if I was taking* any drugs.
- 6 Diana wanted to know when *would we come / we would come / we will come*.

2> Rewrite the questions in reported speech.

- 1 'Did you see her last week?'
The police officer asked us _____
- 2 'Where have you been all day?'
Dad wanted to know _____
- 3 'What are you going to do?'
I asked my friend _____
- 4 'Will you be able to help us?'
They asked the lawyer _____
- 5 'Do you spend your nights here?'
The police officer asked the homeless man _____
- 6 'Can my car be repaired after such a crash?'
I asked the mechanic _____
- 7 'Why haven't you done your homework again?'
The teacher asked us _____
- 8 'Are you telling the whole truth?'
The school master asked me _____

3> Complete the indirect questions with the words below.

if (x2) • could • were • had (x2) • whether • how • where • would • what • was

- 1 My sister asked _____ she _____ borrow my tablet.
- 2 The teacher asked me _____ Luke _____ but I didn't know.
- 3 One of the teachers saw us in the staffroom and asked _____ we _____ doing there.
- 4 The victim wanted to know _____ the vandal _____ be punished.
- 5 He was practising the guitar when his father suddenly entered and asked him angrily _____ he really _____ to make so much noise.
- 6 The detective asked Archie _____ many shots he _____ heard that day.

4> Complete the dialogue with the correct phrases (a-h). There are two extra phrases.

- a if she had
- b how long it would take
- c when it had been
- d if she had ever been involved in
- e if we had been thinking
- f how many students were planning
- g what she thought
- h if there would be

Julia Did you talk to Lisa about our campaign?

Pete Yes, she fully supports it. I asked her ¹ _____ about cyberbullying and her opinion is the same as ours.

Julia Is she going to join us?

Pete She didn't know. I asked her ² _____ time to stay after school, but she couldn't say. She wanted to know ³ _____, and ⁴ _____ to take part in the campaign.

Julia Did she ask anything else?

Pete Yes, she wanted to know ⁵ _____ anything about the campaign in the school paper. I really hope she can make it. I asked her ⁶ _____ a similar protest ...

5> Rewrite the following sentences and questions in reported speech.

- 1 'We have improved the safety in our city.'
The mayor said _____
- 2 'Can you speak Spanish?'
I asked her _____
- 3 'We'll call you in for questioning next week.'
The FBI agent told the politician _____
- 4 'I didn't come to school last week because kids make fun of me.'
Kate told the teacher _____
- 5 'How long have you known her?'
The detective asked me _____
- 6 'My son isn't lying.'
The boy's father told the head teacher _____
- 7 'Who are you looking at?'
My friend asked me _____
- 8 'When will you arrest anyone?'
The reporter asked them _____
- 9 'I won't give you any names,' said the drug dealer.
The drug dealer refused _____
- 10 'Give us the password to your computer so that we can examine its content.'
The FBI agents instructed the businessman _____