

- Ryan** My dad **asked** me **what** I **wanted** to do for my birthday party. I said I wanted to go to the new theme park.
- Martin** That's a great idea! Can we come with you?
- Ryan** Yes, of course! Dad also **asked** me **who was coming**. Are you all free on Saturday?
- All** Yes!

### Reported speech: questions

 When reporting questions that begin with question words **where, why, what, who** and **when**, we change the word order.

Direct question

Reported question

'Where does Carrie live?' she asked.

She asked him **where** Carrie lived.

When reporting questions we use asked + name or object pronoun, rather than said or told.  
*He asked me what I wanted.*

Remember to change the tense and change the question mark to a full stop at the end of a reported question.

'Are you ready?' asked Eric. *Eric asked me if I was ready.*

### 1 Tick (✓) the correct answers.

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| 1 Jenny asked me where were the toys. <input type="checkbox"/>          | 2 Lily asked why some animals slept in winter. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jenny asked me where the toys were. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lily asked why sleep some animals in winter. <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 3 The man asked her what her name was. <input type="checkbox"/>         | 4 I asked Grandpa how long lived he in Italy. <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| The man asked her what was her name. <input type="checkbox"/>           | I asked Grandpa how long he'd lived in Italy. <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| 5 Gary asked me when I went camping. <input type="checkbox"/>           | 6 My teacher asked me how was my brother. <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| Gary asked me when I did go camping. <input type="checkbox"/>           | My teacher asked me how my brother was. <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| 7 Dad asked me who did win the art prize. <input type="checkbox"/>      | 8 Fred asked Rob where he could play football? <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dad asked me who had won the art prize. <input type="checkbox"/>        | Fred asked Rob where he could play football. <input type="checkbox"/>   |

## 2 Write reported questions.

1 'What time is it?' Linda asked Anna.

Linda asked Anna what time it was.

2 'When's your holiday?' Frank asked Andy.

3 'What kind of ice cream do you want?' the waitress asked us.

4 'Why do giraffes have long necks?' Cathy asked her teacher.

5 'When can we go to the beach?' Jack asked his mum.

6 'Why does it take a long time to travel to the moon?' Amy asked me.

7 'Where are the scissors?' Mandy asked Zoe.

8 'Where is Spain?' I asked Tamsin.

## 3 Write direct speech questions.

1 Jasper asked Carrie what a satellite was.

What's a satellite?

2 I asked George why he needed the computer.

3 Cathy asked Max when he went running.

4 Poppy asked Jason why he couldn't play chess.

5 Mum asked us who was listening to the radio.

6 Emma asked the teacher what language Australians spoke.

7 Henry asked his brother when their cousins were arriving.

8 I asked Uncle Ted which languages Aunt Jane had learnt to speak.

## A journey in a rocket By Kim Marshall

At the weekend, I went to a theme park with my parents. I **asked** Dad **to go** on the rocket ride called 'Journey to space'. He agreed, and it was great!

When we got into the rocket, I was nervous. The park attendant told me it was exciting, not scary. I jumped into my seat. The man **asked us to leave** our bags and coats with our friends, then he **told us to wear** our safety belts. The ride started slowly, but it got really fast and we even went upside down!

I **asked** Mum **to take** a photo of me and Dad in front of the ride. She **told** us **to smile** at the camera, and here is the result!



### Reported speech: commands and requests

When reporting a command, we use **told** + object (+not) + infinitive.

#### Direct command

'Finish your dinner, Suzy,' said Mum.

#### Reported command

Mum **told** Suzy **to finish** her dinner.

When reporting a request, we use **asked** + object (+not) + infinitive.

#### Direct request

'Please close the window.'

'Please can you close the window?'

#### Reported request

He **asked** me **to close** the window.

He **asked** me **to close** the window.

the infinitive = **to** + base form



#### 4 Read the sentences. Are they commands (C) or requests (R)? Write C or R.

- 1 Be quiet! C
- 2 Can you give this pencil to Suzy, please? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Don't spend all day on the computer. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Please don't leave the windows open. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Fin, do as your mother says. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Can you hold my bag for me? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Ask before you borrow something. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Can you buy me a newspaper when you go out? \_\_\_\_\_

5 Complete the reported commands and requests. Use **asked** or **told**.

1 'Please answer the phone, Emily.'

I asked Emily to answer the phone.

3 'Don't run inside.'

Mum \_\_\_\_\_ us not to run inside.

5 'Don't forget your keys.'

Mrs Chapman \_\_\_\_\_ her husband not to forget his keys.

7 'Please can you lend me your MP3 player?'

Fred \_\_\_\_\_ Frank to lend him his MP3 player.

2 'Take the dog home, Carla.'

Mrs Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Carla to take the dog home.

4 'Please don't make any breakfast.'

I \_\_\_\_\_ her not to make any breakfast.

6 'Can you ask your teacher about the school trip?'

Mum \_\_\_\_\_ Henry to ask his teacher about the school trip.

8 'Can you tell Eric my new address, please?'

George \_\_\_\_\_ me to tell Eric his new address.

6 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences. Use direct speech and reported speech commands and the verbs from the box.

Don't go Come back Look Don't use wash Don't take



Mum told Rob not to go near the road.



Lucy told her sister \_\_\_\_\_



Eric told Sidney \_\_\_\_\_



Seb told Fin \_\_\_\_\_



Jack's mum told him \_\_\_\_\_



The man told Henry \_\_\_\_\_

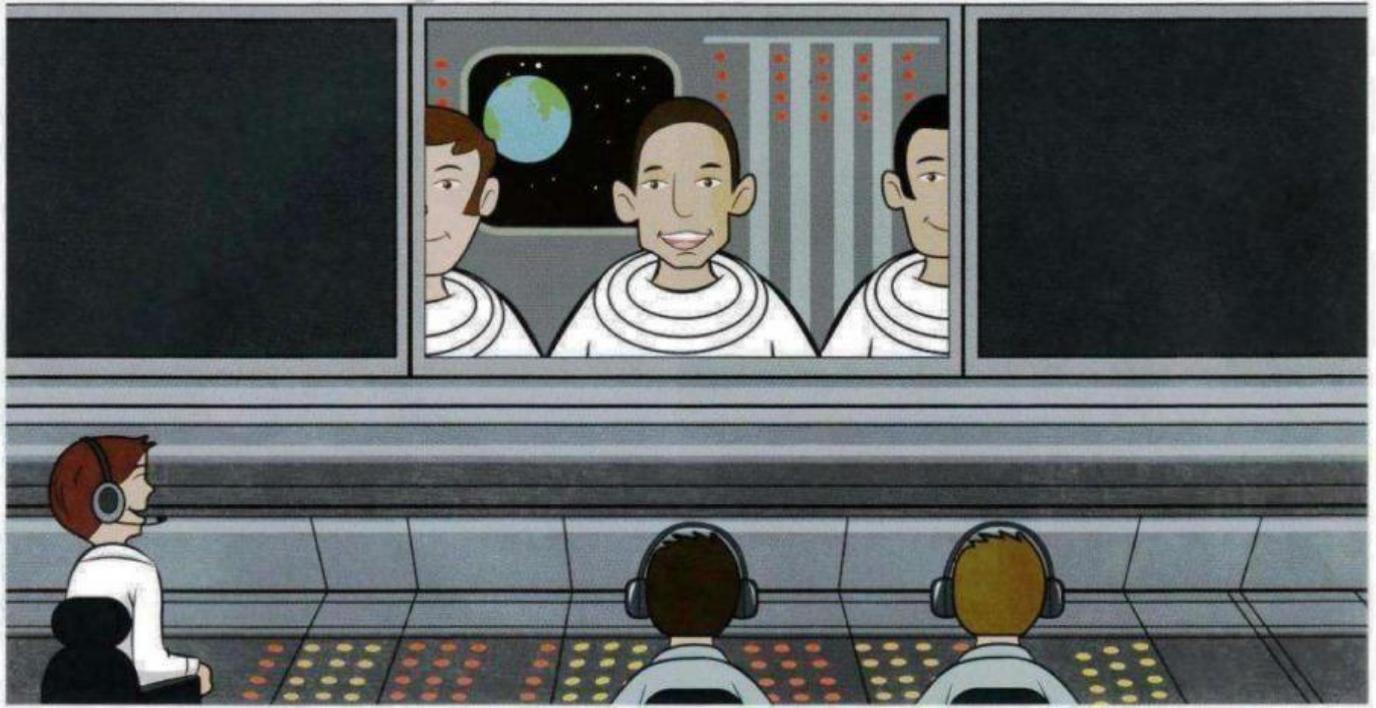
## 7 Complete the table.

	Direct speech	Speaker	Listener	Reported speech
1	Will you take us to the café?	Molly and Holly	Mum	Molly and Holly asked Mum to take them to the café.
2	Can you bring in the shopping, please?	Henry's mum	Henry	
3	Can you show me the photos you took?	Theo	Tanya	
4	Please don't talk about football all evening.	Dora	Jason	
5	Can you help me look for my glasses?	Grandpa	Jamie	
6	Can you turn up the TV?	Dad	Olly	
7	Can you please get the books from the cupboard?	Mrs Fisher	Ethan	
8	Can you get me a glass of water, please?	Grandma	Mrs Almond	

## 8 Complete the table.

	Direct speech	Speaker	Listener	Reported speech
1	Finish your homework quickly.	Lucy	me	Lucy told me to finish my homework quickly.
2				I asked Cara to choose the winner.
3				The teacher asked the class to listen carefully.
4				We asked Lewis to do the shopping.
5				Mum told me not to forget to buy the apples.
6				Grandma told us to eat the sandwiches for our lunch.
7				Mum asked Molly to answer the phone.
8				Mum and Dad told the children to switch off the TV.

9 Complete the sentences with reported speech.



- 1 Ned Mr Nash, what can you see?
- 2 Mr Nash I can see the Earth and lots of stars.
- 3 Ned What do you like best about being in space?
- 4 Mr Nash I love the peace and quiet, but not the food.
- 5 Ned How old were you when you decided to become an astronaut?
- 6 Mr Nash I was 12 years old and I was in a physics class.
- 7 Ned I want to be an astronaut too!
- 8 Mr Nash Work hard in school and you might be an astronaut one day!
- 9 Ned When will you arrive back on Earth?
- 10 Mr Nash I'm flying back to Earth next Wednesday.

- 1 Ned asked Mr Nash what he could see.
- 2 Mr Nash \_\_\_\_\_
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