

REPORTED QUESTIONS.

Exercise 1

Read the original questions and decide which reported question is most appropriate.

1. Alex: 'What do you think of the new film?'
 - a. Alex wanted to know what I thought of the new film.
 - b. Alex asked me what you thought of the new film.
2. Maria: 'Is Annie going to be the next group leader?'
 - a. Maria asked when Annie is going to be the next group leader.
 - b. Maria wants to know if Annie is going to be the next group leader.
3. Vikki: 'Have they seen all the rooms yet?'
 - a. Vikki wondered if they had seen all the rooms yet.
 - b. Vikki wondered: have they seen all the rooms yet?
4. Yuki: 'Did you have enough time to finish your work?'
 - a. Yuki asked them if they'd had enough time to finish their work.
 - b. Yuki asked me if they'd had enough time to finish their work.
5. James: 'Why are Laurence and Steven still traveling?'
 - a. James wanted to know where Laurence and Steven were still traveling.
 - b. James wanted to know why Laurence and Steven were still traveling.
6. Jack: 'Michael, can I borrow your pen please?'
 - a. Jack asked if he could borrow Michael's pen.
 - b. Michael wants to know can Jack borrow his pen.

Exercise 2: Word order

Read the original question. Then read the reported question and choose the **5 words** which complete each sentence.

1. 'Is it your birthday this month?'

She asked birthday this month.

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2. 'Are you having a party?'

She wanted having a party.

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3. 'Who are you going to invite to the party?'

She asked to invite to the party

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4. 'Have you chosen the music for the party?'

She wanted to the music for the party.

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5. 'What do you want for a present?'

She for a present.

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6. 'How old are you going to be?'

She going to be.

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INDIRECT QUESTIONS.

1. Where do you live?

- Do you know where do you live?
- Could you tell me where you live?
- Pardon me, I wonder if you live here.

2. When was the building constructed?

- I wonder when the building was constructed.
- Could you tell me when was the building constructed?
- Do you know if the building was constructed?

3. Is there a bank near here?

- Could you tell me where the bank is near here?
- I wonder where is the bank.
- Excuse me, do you know if there is a bank near here?

4. How often does he arrive late for work?

- I was wondering how often he arrives late for work.
- Do you happen to know how often he does arrive late for work?
- I don't know if he arrives late for work.

5. What type of car have you got?

- I wonder what type of car have you got.
- Can you tell me what type of car you've got?
- Would you mind telling me if you've got a car?

6. How much time do you spend watching TV?

- Could you tell me how much time are you watching TV?
- Do you know how much time you do spend watching TV?
- I wonder how much time you spend watching TV.

7. Which football team do you support?

- Would you mind telling me which football team you support?
- I wonder which football team you supports.
- Can you tell me which football team you do support?

8. What time is it?

- Pardon me, what time is it?
- Pardon me, could you tell me what time it is?
- Would you mind telling me what the time it is?

9. When are you going to finish the project?

- I have no idea when are you going to finish the project.
- I'm not sure when you are going to finish the project.
- Can you tell me if you are going to finish the project?

10. How old is John?

- I have no idea how old is John.
- Do you know when John born was?
- I wonder how old John is.

For each of the six questions choose the one correct indirect equivalent.

1. Who did he speak to?
 - a. Can you tell me who he speaks to?
 - b. Can you tell me who did he spoke to?
 - c. Can you tell me who he spoke to?
 - d. Can you tell me who did he speak to?

2. What's your favourite food?
 - a. Can you tell me what food your is favourite?
 - b. Can you tell me what your favourite food is?
 - c. Can you tell me what favourite food is?
 - d. Can you tell me what food favourite is?

3. Where did she buy that?
 - a. Do you know where she did buy that?
 - b. Do you know where did she bought that?
 - c. Do you know where she bought that?
 - d. Do you know where she buy that?

4. Did she leave message?
 - a. Do you know she left a message?
 - b. Do you know if did she leave a message?
 - c. Do you know if whether she left a message?
 - d. Do you know if she left a message?

5. Why did she do that?
 - a. Do you have any idea why she did that?
 - b. Do you have any idea why she do that?
 - c. Do you have any idea why did she do that?
 - d. Do you have any idea why did she that?

6. Are you going?
 - a. Can you let me know whether you are going?
 - b. Can you let me know whether are you going?
 - c. Can you let me know whether if you are going?
 - d. Can you let me know whether do you are going?