

Reported Speech: Questions, Commands, Requests & Reporting Verbs

A Look at these direct and reported questions and answer the questions below.

'Which track do you like the best?' Jason asked me.

Jason asked me **which** track I liked the best.

'Did you enjoy the arts festival?' my friend asked me.

My friend asked me **if/whether** I had enjoyed the arts festival.

1 When a direct question has a question word, do we use it in the reported question?

2 When a direct question doesn't have a question word, which words can we use in the reported question?

3 Is the word order in the reported questions the same as the word order in the direct questions?

B Look at these sentences and answer the questions.

a The museum employee told us not to touch the exhibits.

b Our music teacher asked us to join the choir.

1 Which sentence is an example of a reported request?

2 Which sentence is an example of a reported command?

C Look at these sentences and answer the questions.

Jane **promised** to take me to the theatre for my birthday.

Mum **advised** us to leave early.

Jason **denied** taking my new CD.

Lyn **suggested** going to the opera.

1 Which reporting verbs are used?

2 Which form of the verb follows promise and advise?

3 Which form of the verb follows deny and suggest?

D Change the direct speech into reported speech.

1 'Turn down the volume!' my sister told me.

My sister told me

2 Where is the concert hall?' the tourist asked.

The tourist asked

3 'I promise I'll turn the music down,' Jenny said.

Jenny promised

4 Do you like hip-hop music, Maria asked.

Maria asked me ...

5 'Don't play your drums all day!' Mum told me.

Mum told me

6 'Do you like the film?' asked Melanie.

Melanie asked us

7 'I didn't spend all my money,' David said.

David denied

8 'Please don't be late,' Aunt Judy said to us.

Aunt Judy asked us

9 'Let's go to the music festival,' Mark said.

Mark suggested

10 'Please sit down,' our teacher told us.

Our teacher asked us

11 'If I were you, I would buy the tickets in advance,' Tom said.

Tom advised me

12 Can you get me a ticket for the play, please?' my friend asked me.

My friend asked me