

# Reported speech: questions

## 1) Yes-No questions

Direct speech:

Lucy: "Do you have a mobile phone?"

Reported speech:

Lucy **asked** me if **I had** a mobile phone.

Punctuation changes

Reporting verb for a question (asked, wanted to know)

Subject changes

Verb tense changes

"IF" or "WHETHER" for Yes/no questions

## 2) WH-questions

Direct speech:

Lucy: "What time **did** you **arrive**?"

Reported speech:

Lucy asked me what time **I had** **arrived**.

Remember that the auxiliary verbs (DO, DOES, DID) are NOT USED in reported questions

Questions with the verb to be and with can, may, might, could, will, etc

Direct speech:

Sam: "Where **is** the book?"

Reported speech:

Sam asked me where **the book** **was**.

Direct speech:

Sam: "What **can** **we** **do** tomorrow?"

Reported speech:

Sam asked me what **we** **could** **do** the following day.

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

# Report these questions

1- Why aren't blueberries blue?

2- Can we spell creativity however we want?

3- Why does Superman wear his pants over his trousers?

4- Why do your feet smell and your nose runs?

5- What is the meaning of life?

6- Will you live longer than your dog?

7- Is a hot dog a sandwich?

8- Who was your favourite teacher?

9- Can you stand on your head?

10- Do you feel like a leader or a follower?

11- What did you eat for lunch, Mary?

12- Are you a thinker?

1- They wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ blue.

2- She asked us \_\_\_\_\_ creativity however we wanted.

3- My friend asked me \_\_\_\_\_ his pants over his trousers.

4- He asked me \_\_\_\_\_ and my nose ran.

5- The teacher asked us \_\_\_\_\_.

6- She asked me \_\_\_\_\_ longer than my dog.

7- He asked me \_\_\_\_\_ a hot dog \_\_\_\_\_ a sandwich.

8- My friend asked him \_\_\_\_\_.

9- The PE teacher wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ on my head.

10- She asked me \_\_\_\_\_ like a leader or a follower.

11- I asked Mary \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.

12- The teacher asked me \_\_\_\_\_ a thinker.

