

9

Lesson B Reported questions

A Imagine a market researcher asked you these questions. Write the reported questions.

1. Are you saving up for anything special? *He asked me if . . .*
2. How much money have you spent today?
3. What's your favorite store?
4. Could you live without your smartphone?
5. How do you keep track of your money?
6. Does your bank account pay good interest?
7. How often do you check your bank account?
8. Do you ever spend too much on things?

 In conversation

. . . *asked if* and . . . *wanted to know if* are much more frequent than . . . *asked whether* and . . . *wanted to know whether*.

 Common errors

Don't use *tell* to report questions.

She **asked** me if I owned any stocks.

(NOT ~~She told me if I owned any stocks.~~)

harmon hall[®]