

## Reported Questions

In Reported questions we use affirmative word order and the question mark is omitted. To report a **wh-question**, we use **ask** followed by the question word (who, what, etc.). When there is no question word in direct questions, **if** or **whether** is used in Reported questions. Pronouns, possessive adjectives, tenses, time expressions, etc. change as in statements.

<b>Direct speech</b>	He asked, "What time is it?"	He asked me, "Do you know her?"
<b>Reported speech</b>	He asked <b>what</b> time it was.	He asked me <b>if</b> / <b>whether</b> I knew her.

### 4 Turn the following into *reported questions* as in the example:

1 "What are you doing?" she asked her son.  
*She asked her son what he was doing.*

2 "Do you like my new clothes?" she asked her friend.

3 "Where are my keys?" he asked his wife.

4 "Who is your favourite singer?" Mike asked me.

5 "Where were you?" Barbara asked him.

6 "Can you pick me up after school?" she asked her mother.

7 "Have you seen Kim?" David asked Sarah.

8 "When will you return?" Tom asked her.

### 5 Report the police officer's questions to the shop owner.

1 What's your name?

2 Did you see the robbers?

3 What were they wearing?

4 How do you think they got in?

5 What did they take?

6 Has this ever happened before?

1 *The police officer asked him what his name was.*

2 .....

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4 .....

5 .....

6 .....

## Reported Commands / Requests / Suggestions

To report commands, requests, suggestions, etc. we use a reporting verb (**order, ask, tell, beg, suggest,\*** etc.) followed by **to infinitive** or **not to infinitive**.

(\***suggest** is followed by the **-ing form**. e.g. He said, "Shall we go by bus?" He suggested **going** by bus.)

<b>Direct speech</b>	He said to me, "Get out of the house!" She said to me, "Do me a favour, please."	He said to me, "Don't touch it!" She said to him, "Please, please don't hurt me."
<b>Reported speech</b>	He ordered me <b>to get out</b> of the house. She asked me <b>to do</b> her a favour.	He told me <b>not to touch</b> it. She begged him <b>not to hurt</b> her.

6 Use the verbs in the list in the *past simple* to complete the sentences.

tell

suggest

beg

ask

order

- "Close the door, please," Ann said to Jack.  
Ann ... *asked* ... Jack to close the door.
- "Let's go shopping," she said to me.  
She ..... going shopping.
- "Please, please don't go," he said to Mary.  
He ..... Mary not to go.

- "Get out of the car!" he said to them.  
He ..... them to get out of the car.
- "Don't touch anything," she said to him.  
She ..... him not to touch anything.

## 7 Report what Mrs Lane told her daughter, Sue, to do.



- Don't open the door to anyone!
- Phone me if there's an emergency!
- Don't let the twins eat any sweets!
- Send the twins to bed at 9 o'clock!

- Give the twins a bath before they go to bed!
- Don't allow the dog into the twins' bedroom!
- Close all the windows!
- Put the toys away in the cupboard!

- Mrs Lane told Sue not to open the door to anyone.
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