

GRAMMAR

REPORTING VERBS WITH WH- CLAUSES

Some reporting verbs introduce a *wh*-clause. Some of such verbs are: *choose, decide, discover, discuss, find out, forget, know, imagine, learn, realize, remember, understand, wonder* etc.

| Direct speech | Reported speech |
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| She said: "This is what we have to do." | She explained what we had to do. |
| She said: "I'm not sure which train I should take." | She couldn't decide which train to take. |

These verbs can also be followed by a *wh*-word (**except why**) + *to-infinitive*.
e.g. *I didn't know what to do*.



The following verbs must have an object before the *wh*- clause: *advise, inform, instruct, teach, warn, remind, tell*.

e.g. *She reminded me where I had to leave the papers*.

Indirect questions normally have the subject before the verb.

e.g. *He wanted to know when I could start*.

• **Choose the correct form.**

1. They want to know where do you live/ you live.
2. Do you know where the police station is/ where is the police station?
3. He didn't tell us where was he going/ he was going.
4. He asked me how old she was/was she.
5. She chose where did she want / she wanted to go.
6. We never discussed when I would return/would I return home, for which holidays.
7. She wondered why were the changes made / the changes had been made.
8. Bob tried to remember why he hadn't told her / didn't he tell her about it.
9. Her presentation helps you realize how precious life is/ is life.
10. Everyone should understand why are we doing/we are doing something.

• **Choose the appropriate verb.**

1. They became friends and eventually (fell / dropped) in love.
2. He is friendly and outgoing and (does / makes) friends easily.
3. We (held / kept) in touch and maintained our friendship.
4. It was there that they (struck / hit) up a friendship.
5. The boss is really nice and we (possess / have) a good relationship.

• **Use the right form of the phrasal verbs: *go out, carry out, bring about, come up with, turn out*.**

1. The job _____ to be harder than we thought.
2. He _____ a great idea.
3. How long have you been _____ with him?
4. They have failed to _____ their promise.
5. What has _____ this change?

• **Fill in prepositions.**

1. Before Valentine's Day, people spend a lot of money _____ gifts.
2. What presents do people buy _____ this occasion?
3. The choice of the present depends _____ how much people are emotionally involved _____ a relationship.
4. Some single people indulge _____ a little romantic daydreaming.
5. Liz and Nick became romantically involved _____ each other.
6. There is nothing wrong _____ having one day a year to remind us to cherish the people we love and respect.

