

Tobermory

Part 1- A Great Discovery

Listen to the beginning of Part One and choose the best answer A, B or C.

- 1 Lady Blemley always invited people to her parties who had
 - A certain talents.
 - B important friends.
 - C lots of money.
- 2 People said that Cornelius Appin was
 - A rich.
 - B stupid.
 - C clever.
- 3 Cornelius said that Tobermory was
 - A very stupid.
 - B very dangerous.
 - C very intelligent.
- 4 Cornelius began experimenting with cats
 - A many years ago.
 - B 17 months ago.
 - C seven months ago.
- 5 The other guests thought Cornelius was
 - A crazy or a liar.
 - B joking.
 - C making fun of them.

Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

	T	F
a. The house-party was going to continue for several hours.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Mrs Blemley never tried to invite people to her parties who were entertaining.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mrs Blemley thought that Cornelius was a very clever man.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Cornelius told the other guests that he had made a fantastic scientific discovery.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Cornelius had taught Americans how to speak English.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Cornelius said that Tobermory was an exceptionally intelligent animal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Tobermory was Mrs Blemley's dog.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. At first nobody believed that Cornelius had taught Tobermory how to speak.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The guests thought that Cornelius was a good ventriloquist.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j. Sir Wilfrid was very calm after he heard Tobermory speak.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

They asked him what had happened

Compare these examples of direct and reported speech:

Direct	Reported
'Does Tobermory speak well?' he asked me.	He asked me if Tobermory spoke well.
'When is he coming?' she asked them.	She asked them when he was coming.
'Did you lose this book yesterday?' she asked him.	She asked him whether he had lost the book the day before.
'Have you ever been to France?' they asked me.	They asked me if I had ever been to France.
'Will you come to my party tomorrow?' she asked John.	She asked John if he would come to her party the next day.
'What can we do to help your father?' Sam asked Jill.	Sam asked Jill what they could do to help her father.

3 Change the following direct questions into reported speech.

- 'What did they do yesterday?' we asked our teacher.
- 'Will you help us with our homework?' we asked our father.
- 'Can you really teach cats to speak English?' I asked Cornelius.
- 'How many times have I told you not to use my computer?' she asked her brother.
- 'Is it going to rain?' she asked her friend.

a- We asked our _____

b- We _____

c- I _____

d- _____

e- _____

Now change the following into direct questions.

- I asked her if she had gone to the circus yesterday.
- They asked me why I never wore a suit and tie to work.
- Sylvia asked Harry if he liked his school.
- Robert asked Emily what she was doing in his bedroom.
- Ahmed asked Sandra if she would ever love him.

a- 'Did _____ ?' I asked her.

b- 'Why _____ ?'
they asked _____

c- 'Do _____ ?' Sylvia

d- ' _____ ?'
Robert _____

e- 'Will _____ ?'
Ahmed _____ Sandra.