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Listen to the recording about this unusual art and choose the best answer.

- 1. The creator of the duck....**
 - a) is very tall.
 - b) lives in Asia.
 - c) is from the Netherlands.
- 2. Mr Hofman thinks people like the duck because...**
 - a) it brings back childhood memories.
 - b) it has a happy and relaxed face.
 - c) they like the colour yellow.
- 3. In Taiwan there was a problem with the duck....**
 - a) because somebody attacked it.
 - b) because the weather was always bad.
 - c) but nobody is certain what caused it.
- 4. Hofman doesn't want to use the duck for publicity because...**
 - a) he wants people to think of it as an artistic object.
 - b) it's not easy for companies to do.
 - c) he thinks it should be in a museum.
- 5. The woman thinks that people**
 - a) never like the places they pass every day.
 - b) don't pay attention to the places they pass every day.
 - c) get bored of looking at the duck.
- 6. Hofman...**
 - a) hated ducks when he was a child.
 - b) has only one rubber duck that he likes.
 - c) always gives ducks as presents.

Now watch the video as many times as necessary and do the exercises.

1 Answer the questions.

1 Look at the photo of the duck again. What is the presenter's (Dave's) opinion of it?

2 What two questions did the interviewer ask Florentijn Hofman?

- a
- b

3 At the end of the video, Dave is thinking about a giant toy bear. Does he think it's a good idea to make this? What does he say?

2 Read the examples from the video. Circle the correct alternative to complete the rules.

'Why do you think the duck is so popular?'

They asked him why he thought the duck was so popular.

1 When we use direct questions / reported questions, we use the exact words that the interviewer used.

2 When we use direct questions / reported questions, we tell somebody else what the interviewer asked.

3 Read these sentences. Which one appears in the video explanation?

1 They asked him if/whether he liked rubber ducks.

2 They asked him why he liked rubber ducks.

4 Look back at 2 and 3. Complete these rules about reported speech using some of the words in the box.

- after • be • before • do • if • no • pronouns
- tenses • whether • yes

1 _____ change, you to he.

2 _____ change, e.g. from present simple to past simple.

3 We don't use the auxiliary verb _____ in reported questions.

4 In the reported question the subject goes _____ the verb.

5 There's _____ question mark.

6 Where there's no question word, we use _____ or _____.

Grammar practice

You are on an art gallery tour in the UK. Look at the picture. Read the questions the guide asks your group (•) and your group asks him (–).

- How do you feel when you look at this painting?
- Why did the artist, Van Gogh, choose this subject?
- Can you see the flowers in the vase?
- Do the flowers have a meaning?
- What is going to happen soon to the flowers?

You tell a friend about the visit. Complete the reported questions. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 He asked us _____ the painting.
- 2 Somebody asked him _____ that subject.
- 3 He asked us the _____ flowers in the vase.
- 4 I asked him _____ a meaning.
- 5 He asked us _____ soon in the painting.