

He asked me . . .

Imagine you met with a financial adviser to talk about your spending habits. Read the financial adviser's questions. Then complete the reported questions.

1. "How much money do you save each month?"

He asked me how much money I saved each month.

2. "Do you have any credit card or other debt?"

He wanted to know _____ any credit card or other debt.

3. "Can you stick to a monthly budget?"

He wanted to know _____ a monthly budget.

4. "How many times have you taken money out of your savings account this month?"

He asked _____ money out of my savings account this month.

5. "What do you spend most of your money on?"

He wanted to know _____ most of my money on.

6. "Have you taken out a loan recently?"

He asked me _____ a loan recently.

31 Read what Amy says and the questions her family asks her. Then change the direct questions into reported questions by completing the sentences below.

The illustration shows four people: a woman on the left labeled 'Sister', a woman in the center labeled 'Amy', a man on the right labeled 'Father', and a woman on the far right labeled 'Mother'. Amy is speaking, and her family members are asking her questions. The speech bubbles are numbered 1 through 6.

Sister: 1 Do you want to borrow some money?
2 Did you lend some to a friend?

Amy: I left home with \$300 this morning and went shopping. I know I spent \$150 on clothes, but I only have \$35 left. Where did the rest of my money go?

Father: 3 How much did you spend on clothes?
4 How did you pay for lunch?

Mother: 5 Have you looked in your purse?
6 Can you remember where you went?

Amy's sister asked her . . .

1. whether / if she wanted to borrow some money .
2. _____ .

Amy's father asked her . . .

3. _____ .
4. _____ .

Amy's mother asked her . . .

5. _____ .
6. _____ .



Direct questions

The market researcher:

“**Are** you a spender or a saver?”

“How **do** you usually **pay** for things?”

“How many times **have** you **used** a credit card?”

“**Can** one of your parents **sign** the application?”

Reported questions

She asked (me) . . . / She wanted to know . . .

if / whether I **was** a spender or a saver.

how I usually **paid** for things.

how many times I'd **used** a credit card.

if / whether one of my parents **could sign** it.



Common errors

Use statement word order in reported questions.

She asked how I usually paid for things.

(NOT *She asked how ~~did I usually~~ pay for things.*)