

Reported speech — questions

a) Imagine you were talking to a policeman last weekend. You have to tell me what he asked you. Example:

What's your licence plate number?



He asked me what my licence plate number **is**. / He asked me what my licence plate number **was**.⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Why is it not strictly necessary to change the tense in this sentence?

- ☐ Because the policeman asked his question in the present.
- ☐ Because my licence plate number has not changed since last weekend.
- ☐ Because the verb BE not always needs to be changed.

b) Now tell me what else the policeman asked you.



1.- Can I see your driver's licence, please?

The policeman asked me

2.- Is this your car?

The policeman asked me

3.- Does anyone else drive this car?

The policeman asked me

4.- How long have you been parked here?

The policeman asked me

5.- Do you know this is a non-parking area?

The policeman asked me

6.- Can I have your address, please?

The policeman asked me

7.- Do you prefer to pay the fine now or later?

The policeman asked me



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