REPORTED QUESTIONS

When reporting someone's QUESTIONS we must pay attention to the **WORD ORDER**.

yes/no questions

1. "**Is she** ready?" →question word order: **VERB + SUBJECT ... ?**
   He asked me **if** **she was** ready. →statement word order: **SUBJECT + VERB ... .**

2. "**Does she like** you?"
   He asked me **if** **she liked** me.

3. "**Did she see** me?"
   He asked me **if** **she had seen** him.

→Note that since this is no longer a question we don't need the auxiliary verb TO DO anymore!
The main verb changes either into the SIMPLE PAST (sentence 2) or the PAST PERFECT (sentence 3).

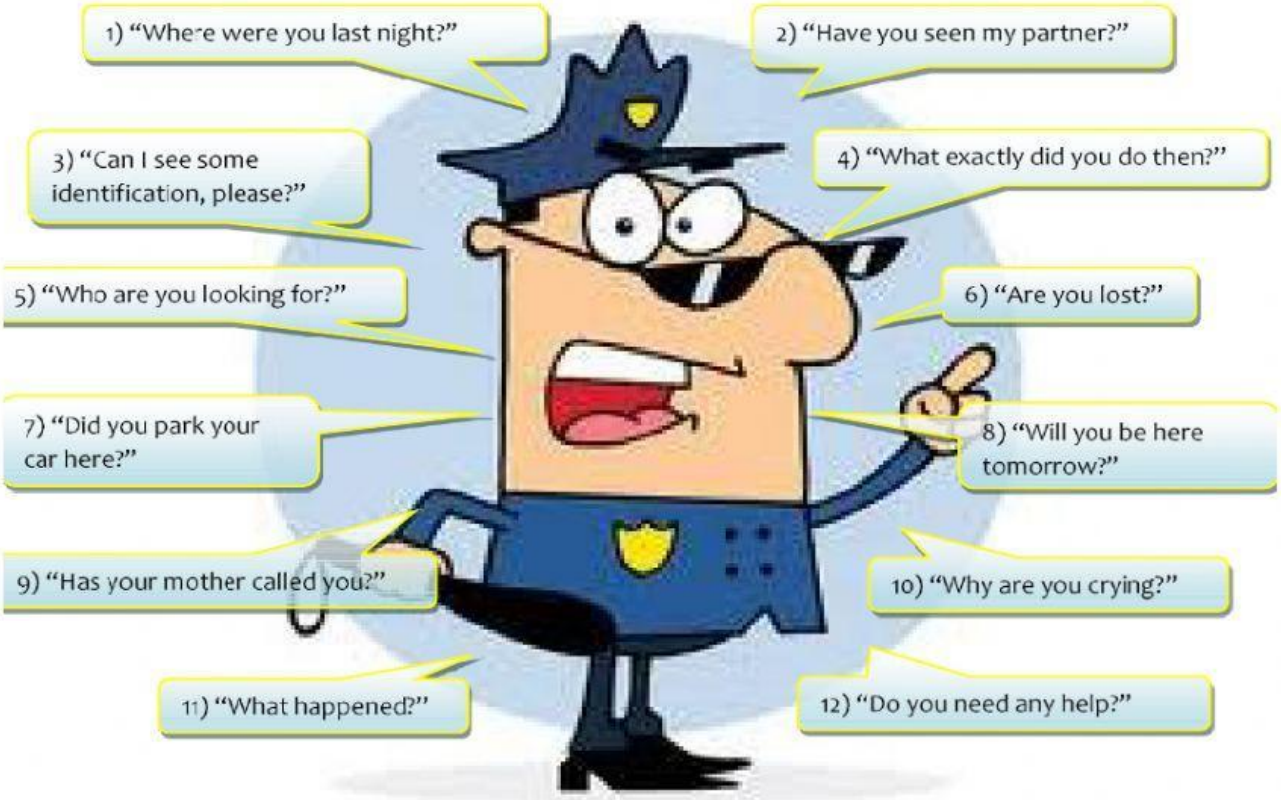
wh- questions

These types of questions follow the same rules above with one difference.

"When **is she coming?**"
He asked me when **she was coming.**

→The reporting verb is followed by the QUESTION WORD (in this case "when")
→In yes/no questions we must use either IF or WHETHER.

TASK: What did the policeman ask you yesterday? Report his questions.



1. He asked me ..... I ..... the night before.
2. He asked me ..... I ..... his partner.
3. He asked me **if** ..... see some identification.
4. He asked me ..... exactly I ..... then.
5. He asked me ..... I ..... for.
6. He asked me ..... I ..... lost.
7. He asked me ..... I ..... my car .....
8. He asked me ..... I ..... there the next day.
9. He asked me **if** ..... had called me.
10. He asked me ..... I ..... .
11. He asked me **what** ..... .
12. He asked me ..... I ..... any help.

Direct speech		Reported speech
today	→	that day
now	→	then
tonight	→	that night
ago	→	before
yesterday	→	the day before
last....	→	the...before/the previous
last week	→	the week before
next year	→	the following year
tomorrow	→	the next day/the following day
here	→	there
this	→	that
these	→	those

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PLACE & TIME

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
today	that day
now	then / at the moment
yesterday	the day before
... days ago	... days before
last week	the week before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those
ago	previously / before
tonight	that night

TENSE CHANGE

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
will	would
can	could
must / have to	must or had to
may / might	might
should	should
ought to	ought to