

### EXERCISE 3 EMBEDDED QUESTIONS

**GRAMMAR NOTES 4-6** Read the following excerpt from a job interview. Then change each of the underlined questions to noun clauses that describe what the interviewer asked. Begin each clause with *if*, *whether or not*, or a *wh-* question word. Put the verbs in the embedded questions in the simple past or the past perfect. Do not use contractions.

LOPEZ: Good afternoon, Mr. Pei. I'm Blanca Lopez. Thanks for being here for this interview.

PEI: My pleasure. I'm happy to be here.

LOPEZ: So, Mr. Pei, are you married?

<sup>1.</sup>

PEI: Yes, I am.

LOPEZ: Do you have any children?

<sup>2.</sup>

PEI: Yes, I do. My wife, Amy, and I have three children.

LOPEZ: You've indicated that you're working as a counselor. How long have you been doing that?

<sup>3.</sup>

PEI: I've been working in counselling for ten years.

LOPEZ: Mr. Pei, you've written a great deal about birth order and family dynamics.

What made you start writing?

<sup>4.</sup>

PEI: I guess I just had a burning desire to communicate my ideas. The whole birth-order theory is pretty compelling.

LOPEZ: How old are your children?

<sup>5.</sup>

PEI: Our oldest child is a girl who's sixteen years old. Our middle child is a boy who's fourteen. Our youngest child is a girl. She's twelve.

LOPEZ: Does your family fit the theories you've written about?

<sup>6.</sup>

PEI: Yes, basically, they do. For example, our older girl is a typical firstborn. She's always been conscientious about doing what needs to be done.

LOPEZ: What can you tell me about the others?

<sup>7.</sup>

PEI: Well, our boy, the middle child, is very outgoing. Our younger girl is somewhat rebellious, or maybe we can call her free-thinking.

LOPEZ: Very interesting. How do you deal with her rebelliousness?

<sup>8.</sup>

PEI: Well, it's complicated, but we limit her privileges, basically.

LOPEZ: All right. Now, Mr. Pei, what do you consider your greatest strength as a counselor?

<sup>9.</sup>

PEI: I think my greatest strength is my ability to listen actively.

LOPEZ: All right, Mr. Pei. Thank you. . . .

1. Ms. Lopez asked *if he was married* \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She asked \_\_\_\_\_.
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