

Reported Questions

In Reported questions we use affirmative word order and the question mark is omitted. To report a **wh-question**, we use **ask** followed by the question word (who, what, etc.). When there is no question word in direct questions, **if** or **whether** is used in Reported questions. Pronouns, possessive adjectives, tenses, time expressions, etc. change as in statements.

Direct speech	He asked, "What time is it?"	He asked me, "Do you know her?"
Reported speech	He asked what time it was.	He asked me if / whether I knew her.

4 Turn the following into *reported questions* as in the example:

1 "What are you doing?" she asked her son.
She asked her son what he was doing.

2 "Do you like my new clothes?" she asked her friend.

3 "Where are my keys?" he asked his wife.

4 "Who is your favourite singer?" Mike asked me.

5 "Where were you?" Barbara asked him.

6 "Can you pick me up after school?" she asked her mother.

7 "Have you seen Kim?" David asked Sarah.

8 "When will you return?" Tom asked her.

5 Report the police officer's questions to the shop owner.

1 What's your name?

2 Did you see the robbers?

3 What were they wearing?

4 How do you think they got in?

5 What did they take?

6 Has this ever happened before?

1 *The police officer asked him what his name was.*

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Reported Commands / Requests / Suggestions

To report commands, requests, suggestions, etc. we use a reporting verb (**order, ask, tell, beg, suggest,*** etc.) followed by **to infinitive** or **not to infinitive**.

(***suggest** is followed by the **-ing form**. e.g. He said, "Shall we go by bus?" He suggested **going** by bus.)

Direct speech	He said to me, "Get out of the house!" She said to me, "Do me a favour, please."	He said to me, "Don't touch it!" She said to him, "Please, please don't hurt me."
Reported speech	He ordered me to get out of the house. She asked me to do her a favour.	He told me not to touch it. She begged him not to hurt her.

6 Use the verbs in the list in the *past simple* to complete the sentences.

tell

suggest

beg

ask

order

- "Close the door, please," Ann said to Jack.
Ann ... *asked* ... Jack to close the door.
- "Let's go shopping," she said to me.
She going shopping.
- "Please, please don't go," he said to Mary.
He Mary not to go.

- "Get out of the car!" he said to them.
He them to get out of the car.
- "Don't touch anything," she said to him.
She him not to touch anything.

7 Report what Mrs Lane told her daughter, Sue, to do.



- Don't open the door to anyone!
- Phone me if there's an emergency!
- Don't let the twins eat any sweets!
- Send the twins to bed at 9 o'clock!

- Give the twins a bath before they go to bed!
- Don't allow the dog into the twins' bedroom!
- Close all the windows!
- Put the toys away in the cupboard!

- Mrs Lane told Sue not to open the door to anyone.
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