

Reported Questions

In **reported questions** we use affirmative word order and the question mark is omitted. To report a question we use: a) **ask, wonder, want to know + wh-word** (who, what, etc.) when the direct question begins with such a word, b) **ask, wonder, want to know + if / whether** when the direct question begins with an auxiliary or modal verb (be, do, have, can, may etc). Pronouns, possessive adjectives, tenses, time expressions, etc. change as in statements.

Direct speech

He said, "Where did they stay?"
He said to me, "Have you got a bike?"
He said to her, "Can you drive?"

Reported speech

He **wondered where** they (had) stayed.
He **wanted to know if / whether** I had a bike.
He **asked her if / whether** she could drive.

5 Report the tourists' questions to the tour guide.

1. Where's the main tourist office?



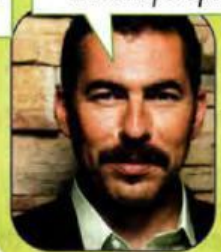
3. How long have you worked as a tour guide?



5. When is dinner served at the hotel?



7. What time do the shops open?



9. Is there a shopping centre nearby?



4. What are we going to do today?



6. What time will we leave tomorrow?



8. Who made the sculpture in the square?



10. Do you know where the nearest bank is?



2. Did you find my glasses?



- 1 The boy with the cap *asked the tour guide where the main tourist office was.*
- 2 The elderly man
- 3 The woman with the hat
- 4 The lady with the sunglasses
- 5 The man with the tie
- 6 The girl with the headphones
- 7 The man with the moustache
- 8 The man with the camera
- 9 The elderly woman
- 10 The man with the blond hair

Reported Speech

- 6 Yesterday, reporter Frank Baxter interviewed a marine biologist at the Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Park in Hawaii. He asked her the following questions. Turn them into reported speech using the verbs provided.



- 1 "What exactly does a marine biologist do?" (want to know)
Frank *wanted to know what exactly a marine biologist did*....
- 2 "Why did you choose to become a marine biologist?" (ask)
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- 3 "What kind of marine plants and animals do you protect at the park?" (wonder)
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- 4 "Do you look after any endangered species?" (ask)
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- 5 "Are there any interesting observations you have made?" (wonder)
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- 6 "Have you published any of your research?" (want to know)
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Reported Commands / Requests / Suggestions

To report commands, instructions, requests, suggestions, etc. we use a reporting verb (*advise, ask, suggest, beg, order, tell, etc.*) followed by a *to* infinitive, a *not to* infinitive or an *-ing* form according to the construction of the introductory verb. (see page 116).

Direct speech	Reported speech
He said to me, "Come with me."	He told me to go with him.
He said to me, "Don't lie to me."	He told me not to lie to him.
He said, "Let's go out."	He suggested going out .

- 7 Fill in the gaps with the *introductory verbs* from the list below in the simple past.

• ~~tell~~ (x2) • advise • order (x2) • ask • beg • suggest

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 "Don't be afraid," he said to his son.
He ... <i>told</i> ... his son not to be afraid. 2 "Bring me a glass of water, please," she said to him.
She him to bring her a glass of water. 3 "Please, please, don't tell my parents," he said to me.
He me not to tell his parents. 4 "You should always wear your helmet when riding your bike," her father told her.
Her father her to always wear her helmet when riding her bike. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 "Let's go to the bowling alley," Jeff said to Tom.
Jeff going to the bowling alley. 6 "Be quiet!" she said to her students.
She her students to be quiet. 7 "Slowly add the sugar, butter and flour," the cook said.
The cook us to slowly add the sugar, butter and flour. 8 "Get out of the car!" the police officer said to the thieves.
The police officer the thieves to get out of the car. |
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