

GRAMMAR: REPORTED SPEECH (Yes/No questions)

Remember!

When changing **Yes/No questions** into reported speech:

- **Use** reporting verbs: *asked, wanted to know, wondered.*
- **Add** *if* or *whether*.
- **Change** the word order from a question to a statement (*Subject + Verb*).
- **Backshift** the tenses and change pronouns, time expressions, or place adverbs as appropriate.

Choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

1. "Does the Amazon River flow through Brazil?" the student asked.
 - The student asked _____ the Amazon River flowed through Brazil.
 - A. if B. that C. what D. did
2. "Are you going to visit Ha Long Bay tomorrow?" Nam asked me.
 - Nam asked me if I _____ Ha Long Bay the following day.
 - A. am going to visit B. was going to visit C. will visit D. visited
3. "Can we see the Northern Lights from here?" the tourists asked.
 - The tourists wanted to know _____ they could see the Northern Lights from there.
 - A. weather B. if C. could D. which
4. "Is Son Doong Cave the largest in the world?" Lan asked her teacher.
 - Lan asked her teacher whether Son Doong Cave _____ the largest in the world.
 - A. is B. has been C. was D. will be

Complete the following reported questions.

1. "Is the Grand Canyon located in Arizona?"
 - o → The traveler asked **if the Grand Canyon was located in Arizona.**
 2. "Do many rare plants grow in this national park?"
 - o → She wondered whether **many rare plants grew in that national park.**
 3. "Will the weather be sunny at Mount Everest next week?"
 - o → He wanted to know if **the weather would be sunny at Mount Everest the following week.**
 4. "Have you ever been to the Great Barrier Reef?"
 - o → My friend asked me whether **I had ever been to the Great Barrier Reef.**
 5. "Must we wear trekking boots to climb the mountain?"
 - o → The hikers asked if **they had to wear trekking boots to climb the mountain.**
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Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

1. "Are there any endangered species in this forest?" I asked the ranger.
 - o →
2. "Did you take many photos at the Victoria Falls?" Mom asked Pete.
 - o →
3. "Can we swim in the Dead Sea?" the children asked their guide.
 - o →
4. "Does the volcano erupt frequently?" the journalist wondered.
 - o →
5. "Will the boat trip be cancelled due to the storm?" they asked.
 - o →