

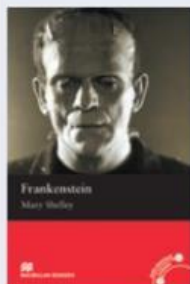
3a VIDEO SKILLS 59 Read the video skills box. Then watch again and complete the extracts.



A rose would still smell as sweet if it
(1) And Romeo would still be
as perfect even if (2) Romeo.
Just call me 'love' and (3)
Romeo again.



One day, (4) The cub ran
down the river to drink early one morning.
(5) something strange.



'Do not kill me yet,' (6) 'Listen
to what I have to say.'
'What can you say to me?' (7)
'You have destroyed everything I loved.'
'You made me,' the Monster replied.
'(8) to be evil.'

Reported speech – questions

1a Look at these questions and statements. Which are direct questions (DQ) and which are reported questions (RQ)?

- 1 He asked her what she was reading at that moment.
- 2 He wanted to know if she had seen *The Hunger Games*.
- 3 How often do you go to the cinema?
- 4 Have you seen the *The Hunger Games*?
- 5 He asked her how often she went to the cinema.
- 6 What are you reading at the moment?
- 7 Do you prefer reading fiction or non-fiction?
- 8 He asked her whether she preferred reading fiction or non-fiction.

1b Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 We change/don't change tenses, pronouns and words like *this* and *here* in the same way in reported statements and reported questions.
- 2 We use/don't use question marks in reported questions.
- 3 We use/don't use the auxiliary verb *do* in reported questions.
- 4 We put/don't put the verb before the subject in reported questions.
- 5 We use/don't use *if* or *whether* in reported questions when there is no question word (*who, what, why, etc.*) in the original question.

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FORM

The same changes occur with tenses, pronouns and other words as with reported statements. We do not use the auxiliary verb **do** in reported questions.

'Do you read novels?' ➤ *She asked me if I read novels.*

There is no inversion of subject and verb in reported questions.

'Who is she?' ➤ *They asked me who she was.*

Reported questions are not real questions so they do not need question marks.

When there is no question word (*who, what, how, why, etc.*), we use **if** or **whether**.

'Are you OK?' ➤ *She asked me if I was OK.*

2 Complete the sentences with a question word or if/whether.

- 1 They asked the novelist her favourite writer was. She said Tolkien.
- 2 Kate asked Jenny she wanted to do.
- 3 Paul wanted to know I had come by bus or by car.
- 4 Hannah asked me I wanted a coffee and I said yes.
- 5 They asked me I had brothers or sisters and I said no.
- 6 My teacher asked me I hadn't been at school the day before.
- 7 Karen's mum asked her she had had a good time.