

Reporting questions

Direct speech

He asked, '...'

Reported speech

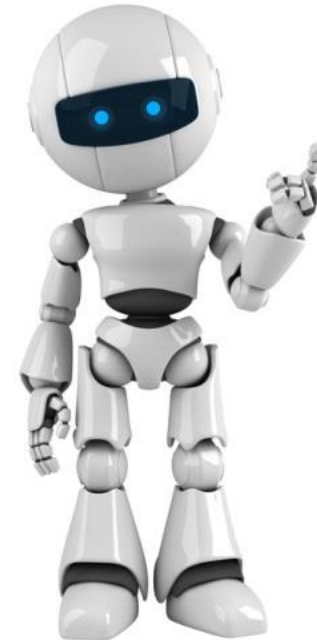
He asked ...

Reported speech

report what another person has said

... for questions?

**How do we report
Yes/No questions?**



1. Use a **reporting verb** with *if/whether*

Direct speech

'Are you a talkative person?' he **asked** me.

Reported speech

He **asked** me *if/whether* I am a talkative person.

Do not add ***that*** after a reporting verb when reporting questions.

2. Put the **subject** before the **verb**

Direct speech

'**Is Sally** still in the library?' Tom asked.

Reported speech

Tom asked if/whether **Sally was** still in the library.



3. Leave out the auxiliary verb *do*

Direct speech

‘**Do** you **want** to go to the electronic store?’
asked Peter.

Reported speech

Peter asked if I **wanted** to go to the
electronic store.



How do we report
***Wh*-questions?**



1. Use a **reporting verb** with the *Wh*-word

Direct speech

'*Where* is my phone?' Mary **asked**.

Reported speech

Mary **asked** *where* her phone was.

Do not add ***that*** after a reporting verb when reporting questions.

2. Put the **subject** before the **verb**

Direct speech

‘When **is the photo exhibition?**’ Ivy asked.

Reported speech

Ivy asked when **the photo exhibition was.**



However...

Do not change the position of the verb if the **Wh-word** refers to the subject

Direct speech

'Who **is talking**?' Paul asked.

Reported speech

Paul asked who **was talking**.

3. Leave out the auxiliary verb *do*

Direct speech

‘Why *do* you *want* to study biotechnology?’

Sally asked.

Reported speech

Sally asked why I *wanted* to study biotechnology.



Similar to reporting statements, remember the following rules when reporting questions.



No quotation marks

**Change pronouns, possessive adjectives
and possessive pronouns**

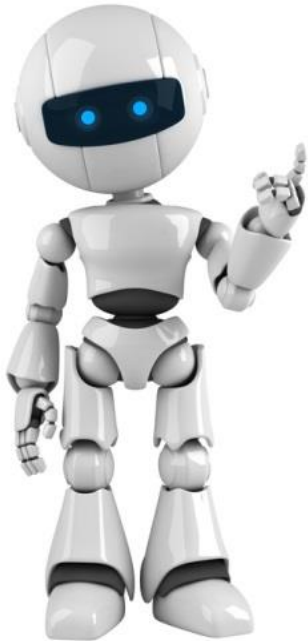
Change *this/these/here* to *that/those/there*

Change the expressions of time

Change the tense of the verb if necessary

Review:

How do we report questions?



Yes/No questions

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2. Put the **subject** before the **verb**

3. Leave out the auxiliary verb **do**

Wh-questions

1. Use a **reporting verb** with the *Wh*-word

2. Put the **subject** before the **verb**

3. Leave out the auxiliary verb **do**

The end