

Reported Questions

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Transforming direct questions into reported speech without inversion or question marks. — five short drills to lock in **Reported Questions**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

1 · Rules

- ◆ In reported questions, the word order is the same as in a statement, not a question.
- ◆ Do not use auxiliary verbs (do/does/did) in the reported clause.
- ◆ Change the tense back one step if the reporting verb is in the past.
- ◆ Remove the question mark from the reported clause.

2 · Signal words

ask

wonder

inquire

want to know

question

find out

be curious about

Tip: These words often flag **Reported Questions** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 · Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Reported Questions** in each gap.

- 1 Tom wondered _____.
- 2 Maria asked _____.
- 3 The teacher inquired _____.
- 4 John wanted to know _____.
- 5 She asked _____.
- 6 They wondered _____.

4 · Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Reported Questions. Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 He asked where ~~does she live~~.
- 2 She wondered why ~~were they late~~.
- 3 The manager inquired if the report ~~is finished~~.
- 4 They asked whether ~~has he seen the movie~~.
- 5 I want to know what ~~do you think about the plan~~?
- 6 Maria asked how long ~~does the journey take~~?

5 · Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A-D).

- 1 He asked where she ___ (live) yesterday.
(A) lived (B) does live (C) has lived (D) will live
- 2 She wondered if they ___ (be) ready in time.
(A) were (B) are (C) will be (D) been
- 3 The teacher inquired what ___ (the students) ___ (do) for homework.
(A) the students did (B) did the students (C) the students do (D) do the students
- 4 John wanted to know why the flight ___ (be) delayed.
(A) was (B) is (C) has been (D) will be
- 5 They asked whether we ___ (can) join them later.
(A) could (B) can (C) could have (D) will be able to
- 6 Maria wondered how ___ (much) ___ (the tickets) ___ (cost)?
(A) much the tickets cost (B) much did the tickets cost (C) much the tickets costs
(D) much did the tickets costs