

Reported Speech (statements and questions) – Test 1



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Choose the one correct option for each question.

Part 1: Reported statements

Complete each reported statement with the correct option.

- "I am tired," Anna said. → Anna said that she _____ tired.
A were B was C is being D has been
- She _____ me that she was busy.
A said B said to C told D told to
- "I don't like coffee," Tom said. → Tom said he _____ coffee.
A didn't like B doesn't liked C not liked D hadn't like
- "I saw the film last week," said Maria. → Maria said she _____ the film the week before.
A had saw B has seen C was seeing D had seen
- "I will call you tomorrow," Ken said. → Ken said he _____ me the next day.
A will called B would call C would called D calls
- "I can't swim," said Lena. → Lena said she _____ swim.
A can't not B didn't can C couldn't D not could
- "We are watching TV," the children said. → The children said they _____ TV.
A were watching B are watched C was watching D watching
- "I have finished my homework," said Omar. → Omar said he _____ his homework.
A has finish B had finish C finished have D had finished
- "I'm leaving today," she said. → She said she was leaving _____.
A this day B that day C yesterday D the day before
- "This is my bike," Priya told us. → Priya told us _____.
A that was my bike B that her bike was C that was her bike D that were her bike

Part 2: Reported questions

Choose the correct option to complete each reported question.

- "Where do you live?" he asked me. → He asked me where _____.
A did I live B lived I C do I live D I lived
- "Are you hungry?" Mum asked. → Mum asked _____ hungry.
A if I was B was I C if was I D that I was
- "Do you speak French?" the teacher asked Sara. → The teacher asked Sara _____ French.
A does she speak B did she speak
C whether she spoke D whether did she speak

14. "What time does the train leave?" asked Jun. → Jun asked what time the train _____.
A did leave **B** left **C** does leave **D** was leave
15. "Why are you crying?" she asked the boy. → She asked the boy why _____.
A was he crying **B** he is cry **C** did he cry **D** he was crying
16. "Have you ever been to Japan?" Ali asked me. → Ali asked me _____ to Japan.
A if I had ever been **B** had I ever been
C if I have ever went **D** that I had ever been
17. Choose the correct sentence.
A She asked me where was the bank. **B** She asked me where the bank was.
C She asked me where did the bank be. **D** She asked me where is the bank?
18. "Can you help me?" Rosa asked. → Rosa asked _____ help her.
A could I **B** if I can to **C** if I could **D** that could I
19. "Who did you meet at the party?" my sister asked. → My sister asked me who _____ at the party.
A I had met **B** had I met **C** did I meet **D** I had meet
20. "How much does this cost?" asked the customer. → The customer asked how much _____.
A did it cost **B** does it cost **C** it costed **D** it cost

Part 3: Mixed practice and error correction

Find the mistake, choose the correct sentence or choose the original words.

21. Find the mistake: She told that she would be late.
A told **B** that **C** would **D** late
22. Find the mistake: He asked me if I am ready, but it was already too late.
A asked **B** if **C** am **D** already
23. Find the mistake: They asked us where did we park the car.
A asked **B** where **C** did we park **D** the car
24. Leo said he had lost his keys the day before. What were Leo's exact words?
A "I had lost my keys the day before." **B** "I lost my keys yesterday."
C "He lost his keys yesterday." **D** "I have lost my keys tomorrow."
25. Nina asked me whether I wanted to come to the cinema. What were Nina's exact words?
A "Does she want to come to the cinema?"
B "You want come to the cinema?"
C "Whether you want to come to the cinema?"
D "Do you want to come to the cinema?"
26. "You must wear a helmet," the instructor said. → The instructor said we _____ a helmet.
A had to wear **B** must to wear **C** have to wore **D** musted wear
27. "I'll be there next week," said Grace. → Grace said she would be there _____.
A next week ago **B** the last week **C** the following week **D** the week before
28. "Why didn't you come?" he asked. → He asked why I _____.
A didn't came **B** hadn't come **C** hadn't came **D** not had come

29. Choose the correct sentence.

- A** The waiter asked us what we would like to drink.
- B** The waiter asked to us what we would like to drink.
- C** The waiter said us what we would like to drink.
- D** The waiter asked us what we would like to drink.

30. Mr Patel ————— the students if they had any questions.

- A** asked **B** told **C** said **D** said to

Answer key – Reported Speech (statements and questions) – Test 1

1 B	2 C	3 A	4 D	5 B	6 C	7 A	8 D	9 B	10 C
11 D	12 A	13 C	14 B	15 D	16 A	17 B	18 C	19 A	20 D
21 A	22 C	23 C	24 B	25 D	26 A	27 C	28 B	29 D	30 A

Explanations

- B** – Present simple 'am' usually changes to past simple 'was', and 'she' takes 'was'.
- C** – 'Tell' is followed directly by a person (told me); 'say' is not.
- A** – 'Don't like' changes to 'didn't like', with the base form after 'didn't'.
- D** – Past simple moves back to past perfect: had + past participle 'seen'.
- B** – 'Will' changes to 'would', followed by the base form.
- C** – 'Can't' changes to 'couldn't' in reported speech.
- A** – Present continuous changes to past continuous, and 'they' takes 'were'.
- D** – Present perfect changes to past perfect: had + past participle.
- B** – 'Today' usually becomes 'that day' in reported speech.
- C** – 'This' becomes 'that', 'is' becomes 'was' and 'my' becomes 'her' because Priya is the speaker.
- D** – Reported questions use statement word order (subject + verb) and no 'do/did'.
- A** – Yes/no questions are reported with 'if' or 'whether' plus statement word order.
- C** – Use 'whether' + subject + past verb, without the auxiliary 'did'.
- B** – The auxiliary 'does' disappears and the verb moves back to the past simple 'left'.
- D** – The subject comes before the verb, and 'are crying' becomes 'was crying'.
- A** – A yes/no question needs 'if', statement word order, and present perfect becomes past perfect.
- B** – In reported questions the subject (the bank) comes before the verb (was), and there is no question mark.
- C** – 'Can' becomes 'could', and a yes/no question is reported with 'if' + subject + verb.
- A** – Past simple becomes past perfect, with statement word order and the participle 'met'.
- D** – 'Cost' is irregular (cost–cost–cost), and the reported question uses statement word order.
- A** – 'Tell' needs a person after it (told me), so here 'said' is needed.
- C** – The situation is in the past, so 'am' should change to 'was'.
- C** – Reported questions do not use 'did' or question word order; it should be 'where we had parked'.
- B** – In direct speech, 'had lost' was 'lost', 'he/his' was 'I/my' and 'the day before' was 'yesterday'.
- D** – The original was a yes/no question with 'do', which became 'whether' + past simple when reported.
- A** – 'Must' for obligation often changes to 'had to' + base form in reported speech.
- C** – 'Next week' usually becomes 'the following week' in reported speech.
- B** – 'Didn't come' moves back to past perfect 'hadn't come', using the participle 'come'.
- D** – 'Ask' takes a direct object (asked us), and the reported question uses statement word order.
- A** – We use 'ask' to report a question; 'tell' and 'say' report statements.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after teaching reported statements and questions, or as a diagnostic before revision. It targets typical B1 errors: keeping question word order in reported questions, using 'tell' without an object, forgetting to change pronouns and time words, and incorrect past forms such as 'had came'. As a follow-up, students can write five direct quotes from a real conversation and swap them with a partner to report.