

REPORTED QUESTIONS FOR 4ºESO PROGRAMA

REPORTED SPEECH

Es el estilo indirecto, es decir, contar a una persona lo que otra persona ha dicho.

Se puede hacer de tres maneras (con los tres tipos de frases que tenemos).

REPORTED QUESTIONS

Questions make the same tense changes as statements. IMPORTANT: when we tell the question to someone else, it is not a question any more. We need to change the sentence to a normal positive one.

There are two types of questions:

WH- QUESTIONS (where, which, who, what, when, why).

Example: Direct speech: Where do you live? Reported speech: She asked me where I lived.

The direct question is in the present simple tense. We make a present simple question with 'do' or 'does' so I need to take that away. Then I need to change the verb to the past simple.

Example: Direct speech: Where is Sally? Reported speech: She asked me where Sally was.

The direct question is the present simple of 'be'. We make the question form of the present simple of be by inverting (changing the position of) the subject and verb. So, we need to change them back before putting the verb into the past simple.

Here are some more examples:

Direct Question	Reported Question
Where is the Bank, please?	She asked me where the Bank was.
What are you doing?	She asked me what I was doing.
Who was that man?	She asked me who that man had been.

YES/NO QUESTIONS (Las preguntas que se responden con "sí" o "no").

We use 'if':

Example: Direct speech: Do you like chocolate? Reported speech: She asked me if I liked chocolate.

Direct Question	Reported Question
Do you love me?	He asked me if I loved him.
Have you ever been to Mexico?	She asked me if I had ever been to Mexico.
Are you living here?	She asked me if I was living here.

DIRECT	INDIRECT
WH - QUESTIONS	POSITIVE WORD ORDER
<i>Where is Tondo street?</i>	<i>Can you tell me where Tondo street is?</i>
<i>What time does the supermarket open?</i>	<i>Do you know what time the supermarket opens?</i>
<i>How much do you earn?</i>	<i>Could you tell me how much you earn?</i>
<i>What is he doing?</i>	<i>May I ask what he is doing?</i>
<i>What is your last name?</i>	<i>May I know what your last name is?</i>
YES/NO QUESTIONS	IF/WHETHER + POSITIVE WORD ORDER
<i>Are you living in London?</i>	<i>I'd like to know if you are living in London.</i>
<i>Does John like flying?</i>	<i>Do you know whether John likes flying?</i>
<i>Did she go shopping?</i>	<i>I'm not sure if she went shopping.</i>
<i>Was she a teacher?</i>	<i>Can you tell me whether she was a teacher?</i>
<p>Could you tell me...? Do you know...? I'd like to know... I'd be interested to know... May I ask...?</p>	