

Reporting Questions

yes/no questions

When reporting someone's QUESTIONS we must pay attention to the **WORD ORDER**.

1. "Is **she** ready?" → question word order: **VERB + SUBJECT ... ?**
He asked me if **she was** ready. → statement word order: **SUBJECT + VERB**

2. "Does **she** like me?"
He asked me if **she liked** him.

3. "Did **she** see me?"
He asked me if **she had seen** him.

→ Note that since this is no longer a question we don't need the auxiliary verb **TO DO** anymore!
The main verb changes either into the **SIMPLE PAST** (sentence 2) or the **PAST PERFECT** (sentence 3).

wh- questions

These types of questions follow the same rules above with one difference.

"When **is she** coming?"

He asked me when **she was coming**.

→ The reporting verb is followed by the **QUESTION WORD** (in this case "when")

→ In **yes/no questions** we must use either **IF** or **WHETHER**.

TASK: What did the policeman ask you yesterday? Report his questions.

1) "Where were you last night?"

2) "Have you seen my partner?"

3) "Can I see some identification, please?"

4) "What exactly did you do then?"

5) "Who are you looking for?"

6) "Are you lost?"

7) "Did you park your car here?"

8) "Will you be here tomorrow?"

9) "Has your mother called you?"

10) "Why are you crying?"

11) "What happened?"

12) "Do you need any help?"

