

Direct questions	Reported questions
Yes/No questions	
Janet and Rick: "Do you miss Hawaii?"	They asked me if/whether I missed Hawaii.
"Have you been here before? "	She wanted to know if/whether I had been there before.
"Were the people friendly?"	She wanted to know if/whether the people had been friendly.
„Are you going to make Ireland our home?"	She wanted to know if/whether he was going to make Ireland their home.
Wh- questions	
"How long have you been here?"	She wanted to know how long I had been there.
"What is this bag doing here?"	She asked me what that bag was doing there.
"Why did you come here?"	She was interested to know why we had come there.
"What is your job?"	He wondered what my job was .

NOTE

To report a question:

- ☞ If the reporting verb is in the past tense, we change the tense in the question.
 She asked **ed** me: "Do you miss Cuba?" ➡ She asked **ed** me if I missed **ed** Cuba.
 She wants **s** to know: "What is your job?" ➡ She wants **s** to know what my job **is**.
- ☞ When there is no question word, we add **if** or **whether**.
- ☞ We use the same word order as in the statement.

 **Exercise**

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 **Exercise**

1. **Complete the reported questions below. Pay attention to the tense of the reporting verb.**
 - a. "Was Cuba discovered by Columbus?"
 She asked me
 - b. "Do Canadians have a king or a queen? "

He wasn't sure

- c. "Which side of the road do you drive in Italy? "

He doesn't know

- d. "When did France stop being a monarchy? "

He asked me

- e. "What do the English eat for breakfast? "

She wanted to know

- f. "When will the next American president be elected? "

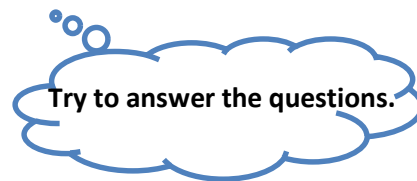
We don't know

- g. "Is reggae African music? "

He wondered

- h. "Who are 'Kiwis' and 'Aussies'? "

She wants to know



2. Read this report of questions asked by a foreign student who is coming to study in England. Write the original questions.

"First she asked me if the climate was hot or cold and if it rained a lot. Then she wanted to know if she could bring her cat with her into the country and what means of transport was best for coming here. She also asked how much money she needed per month and if she would be allowed to work legally. She asked if we had had many exchange students before and where they had lived. Finally she wondered if the food was different from Spanish food."

Answer the student's questions.



Imagine...

**You are going to interview a foreigner who is living in your country.
Prepare questions you would like to ask.**