

Direct and indirect speech exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form. This grammar exercise tests your ability to use direct and indirect speech.

1. The stranger asked Harry if a clever boy.

was he

he was

he is

2. The little girl asked me if I in God.

believe

did believe

believed

3. The teacher asked the boy if he the answer.

knows

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does know

knew

4. The man asked the boy if he there yesterday.

went

had gone

has gone

5. Mr. Smith asked me if I to a zoo.

ever go

ever went

had ever been

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6. The old woman asked me if Iany difficulty in finding her address.

did have

have

had

7. I asked the boy if his father to work.

did go

went

had gone

8. The girl asked if she go home.

may

might

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Either could be used here

9. Mark asked if they invite John to the party.

would

should

can

10. John asked Peter if he his new car.

has seen

saw

had seen

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Answers

1. The stranger asked Harry if / whether he was a clever boy.
2. The little girl asked me if / whether I believed in God.
3. The teacher asked the boy if he knew the answer.
4. The man asked the boy if he had gone there yesterday.
5. Mr. Smith asked me if I had ever been to a zoo.
6. The old woman asked me if I had any difficulty in finding her address.
7. I asked the boy if his father had gone to work.
8. The girl asked if she might go home.
9. Mark asked if they should invite John to the party.
10. John asked Peter if he had seen his new car.