

Indirect speech exercise

Test your understanding of direct and indirect speech with this grammar exercise.

1. 'Do you like tea?' he said.

He said to me if I liked tea.

He asked me if I liked tea.

He asked me if I like tea.

2. The teacher said, 'What are you looking for?'

The teacher asked me what are you looking for.

The teacher asked me what I am looking for.

The teacher asked me what I was looking for.

The teacher asked me what was I looking for.

3. 'Have you bought enough nails?' mother said.

Mother asked me have I bought enough nails.

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Mother asked me if I have bought enough nails.

Mother asked me if I had bought enough nails.

4. He asked his daughter she had finished her homework.

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5. I asked him whether he would keep quiet. This is the reported speech of:

I asked him 'Will you keep quiet?'

I asked him 'Whether he would keep quiet?'

I asked him, 'Would you keep quiet?'

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6. The teacher asked the students
..... they had seen the exhibition.

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Answers

1. He asked me if I liked tea.
2. The teacher asked me what I was looking for.
3. Mother asked me if I had bought enough nails.
4. He asked his daughter whether she had finished her homework.
5. I asked him 'Will you keep quiet?'
6. The teacher asked the students if they had seen the exhibition.