

Reported Speech Exercise

Fill in the blanks. This grammar exercise tests your ability to use reported speech correctly.

1. He asked me what

was I doing

I was doing

I am doing

2. The stranger enquired where

I live

did I live

I lived

do I live

3. He asked them they would listen to such a man.

if

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whether

Either could be used here

4. The policeman ordered us

that we go away

to go away

go away

5. She said that she me.

doesn't believe

didn't believe

hasn't believed

6. The king asked the philosopher whom he

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..... the happiest man living.

consider

considers

considered

7. I told them

that be quiet

that they be quiet

to be quiet

8. Alladin asked the magician what
..... to deserve such a severe
punishment.

had he done

he had done

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he has done

9. They asked who and what
.....

are we; we want

we were; did we want

we were; we wanted

were we; we wanted

10. He told me to wait until he

came

comes

had come

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11. The king was deeply grieved and asked his wife what do for her.

could he

he could

he can

can he

12. He proposed that wait for the news.

let them

let him

they should

Answers

1. He asked me what I was doing.

2. The stranger enquired where I lived.

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3. He asked them if / whether they would listen to such a man.
4. The policeman ordered us to go away.
5. She said that she didn't believe me.
6. The king asked the philosopher whom he considered the happiest man living.
7. I told them to be quiet.
8. Alladin asked the magician what he had done to deserve such a severe punishment.
9. They asked who we were and what we wanted.
10. He told me to wait until he came.
11. The king was deeply grieved and asked his wife what he could do for her.
12. He proposed that they should wait for the news.