Reported speech exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. He asked her what she ....

wants

wanted

had wanted

2. He asked me how my father ....

is

was

has been

3. He asked me .... I was going home with him.

if

whether

Either could be used here

4. He asked us why we .... all sitting there doing nothing.

are

were

had been

5. The prince asked the young girl .... she really came from China.

if

whether

Either could be used here

6. I asked him if /whether he .... the way home.

doesn't know

didn't know

hadn't known

7. The boy asked his Dad what the proper way to answer that question ....

is

was

had been

8. The boy asked his master what he .... to deserve so severe a blow.

did

has done

had done

9. They asked me who ....

was I

I was

10. The traveler asked the boy if he .... get him a glass of water.

will

would

should

Answers

1. He asked her what she wanted.

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2. He asked me how my father was.

3. He asked me if / whether I was going home with him.

4. He asked us why we were all sitting there doing nothing.

5. The prince asked the young girl if / whether she really came from China.

6. I asked him if /whether he didn't know the way home.

7. The boy asked his Dad what the proper way to answer that question was.

8. The boy asked his master what he had done to deserve so severe a blow.

9. They asked me who I was.

10. The traveler asked the boy if he would get him a glass of water.