

**Intermediate 3**  
**Unit 2: Grammar**  
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## Reporting WH Questions

When we want to report a WH question indirectly, we should turn the question into a noun clause.

**Point:**

In a noun clause, we should use the word order of a statement, not that of a question.

Example:

**Direct Speech:** The police officer asked the suspect, "Where do you live?"

**Indirect Speech:** The police officer asked the suspect where he lived.

Where do you live? ⇒ WH Question

where he lived ⇒ Noun Clause

**Point:**

In reported speech of questions, we cannot use "say" or "tell" as reporting verbs. We should use verbs such as "ask", "inquire", "wonder", and their synonyms.

**wonder** = want to know, ask oneself

Example:

**Direct Speech:** The teacher asked the students, "What did we do last session?"

**Indirect Speech:** The teacher wondered what they had done the previous session.

**More Examples:**

**Direct Speech:** She asked, "Where is the nearest cafe?"

**Indirect Speech:** She asked where the nearest cafe was.

**Direct Speech:** They asked, "Why did he leave early?"

**Indirect Speech:** They wondered why he had left early.

**Direct Speech:** He inquired, "How do you solve this problem?"

**Indirect Speech:** He inquired how we solved the problem.

**Source:**

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