

ACTIVITY

Exercise 1: Change the following questions into reported questions

1. "Where is the editor working?" he asked.
2. "Why did they remove the article?" she asked.
3. "When will the press conference start?" they asked.
4. "Who leaked the information?" the reporter asked.
5. "Are the sources reliable?" the editor asked.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the questions in reported speech

1. "How did the journalist verify the data?" he wanted to know.
2. "Are the cameras recording?" she asked.
3. "What is the audience expecting?" they asked.
4. "Did the students read the report?" the instructor asked.
5. "Why is the editor delaying publication?" the journalist wondered.

Exercise 3: Reported Polite Requests (use *ask + to-infinitive*)

1. "Could you rewrite the introduction?" the editor asked the journalist.
2. "Can you send me the draft before 6 p.m.?" she asked him.
3. "Could you capture wider shots?" they asked the photographer.
4. "Please check the facts again," the manager said to the team.
5. "Can you prepare the transcripts?" the reporter asked the intern.

Exercise 4: Choose the correct form

1. The editor asked me (to review / reviewing) the final version.
2. She asked (if / why / whether) the meeting had been cancelled.
3. They asked (who / why / if) the headline had changed.
4. He wanted to know (if / what / when) the sources were verified.
5. The journalist asked us (wait / to wait / waiting) outside the office.

Exercise 5: Complete the sentences in reported speech

1. The reporter asked _____ (if / the website / be down).
2. She asked _____ (why / disable / the comments).
3. He asked the assistant _____ (organize / the documents).
4. They asked _____ (when / publish / the investigation).
5. The editor asked the technician _____ (fix / the audio issues).

MODEL ANSWERS

Exercise 1 – Reported Questions

1. He asked **where the editor was working**.
2. She asked **why they had removed the article**.
3. They asked **when the press conference would start**.
4. The reporter asked **who had leaked the information**.
5. The editor asked **if / whether the sources were reliable**.

Exercise 2 – Reported Speech (Questions)

1. He wanted to know **how the journalist had verified the data**.
2. She asked **if / whether the cameras were recording**.
3. They asked **what the audience was expecting**.
4. The instructor asked **whether the students had read the report**.
5. The journalist wondered **why the editor was delaying publication**.

Exercise 3 – Reported Polite Requests

1. The editor asked the journalist **to rewrite the introduction**.
2. She asked him **to send the draft before 6 p.m.**
3. They asked the photographer **to capture wider shots**.
4. The manager asked the team **to check the facts again**.
5. The reporter asked the intern **to prepare the transcripts**.

Exercise 4 – Correct Choices

1. The editor asked me **to review** the final version.
2. She asked **whether** the meeting had been cancelled.
3. They asked **why** the headline had changed.
4. He wanted to know **if** the sources were verified.
5. The journalist asked us **to wait** outside the office.

Exercise 5 – Completions

1. The reporter asked **if the website was down**.
2. She asked **why the comments had been disabled**.
3. He asked the assistant **to organize the documents**.
4. They asked **when the investigation would be published**.
5. The editor asked the technician **to fix the audio issues**.