



**Ryan** My dad **asked** me **what** I **wanted** to do for my birthday party. I said I wanted to go to the new theme park.

**Martin** That's a great idea! Can we come with you?

**Ryan** Yes, of course! Dad also **asked** me **who was coming**. Are you all free on Saturday?

**All** Yes!

### Reported speech: questions

When reporting questions that begin with question words **where**, **why**, **what**, **who** and **when**, we change the word order.

Direct question

Reported question

'**Where** does Carrie live?' she asked.

She asked him **where** Carrie lived.

When reporting questions we use asked + name or object pronoun, rather than said or told.  
*He asked me what I wanted.*

Remember to change the tense and change the question mark to a full stop at the end of a reported question.

'Are you ready?' asked Eric. *Eric asked me if I was ready.*

### 1 Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1 Jenny asked me where were the toys. ☐

Jenny asked me where the toys were. ☒

2 Lily asked why some animals slept in winter. ☐

Lily asked why sleep some animals in winter. ☐

3 The man asked her what her name was. ☐

The man asked her what was her name. ☐

4 I asked Grandpa how long lived he in Italy. ☐

I asked Grandpa how long he'd lived in Italy. ☐

5 Gary asked me when I went camping. ☐

Gary asked me when I did go camping. ☐

6 My teacher asked me how was my brother. ☐

My teacher asked me how my brother was. ☐

7 Dad asked me who did win the art prize. ☐

Dad asked me who had won the art prize. ☐

8 Fred asked Rob where he could play football? ☐

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## 2 Write reported questions.

- 1 'What time is it?' Linda asked Anna.

Linda asked Anna what time it was.

- 2 'When's your holiday?' Frank asked Andy.

- 3 'What kind of ice cream do you want?' the waitress asked us.

- 4 'Why do giraffes have long necks?' Cathy asked her teacher.

- 5 'When can we go to the beach?' Jack asked his mum.

- 6 'Why does it take a long time to travel to the moon?' Amy asked me.

- 7 'Where are the scissors?' Mandy asked Zoe.

- 8 'Where is Spain?' I asked Tamsin.

## 3 Write direct speech questions.

- 1 Jasper asked Carrie what a satellite was.

What's a satellite?

- 2 I asked George why he needed the computer.

- 3 Cathy asked Max when he went running.

- 4 Poppy asked Jason why he couldn't play chess.

- 5 Mum asked us who was listening to the radio.

- 6 Emma asked the teacher what language Australians spoke.

- 7 Henry asked his brother when their cousins were arriving.

- 8 I asked Uncle Ted which languages Aunt Jane had learnt to speak.



## A journey in a rocket By Kim Marshall

At the weekend, I went to a theme park with my parents. I **asked** Dad **to go** on the rocket ride called 'Journey to space'. He agreed, and it was great!

When we got into the rocket, I was nervous. The park attendant told me it was exciting, not scary. I jumped into my seat. The man **asked** us **to leave** our bags and coats with our friends, then he **told** us **to wear** our safety belts. The ride started slowly, but it got really fast and we even went upside down!

I **asked** Mum **to take** a photo of me and Dad in front of the ride. She **told** us **to smile** at the camera, and here is the result!



### Reported speech: commands and requests

When reporting a command, we use **told** + object (+not) + infinitive.

#### Direct command

'Finish your dinner, Suzy,' said Mum.

#### Reported command

Mum **told** Suzy **to finish** her dinner.

When reporting a request, we use **asked** + object (+not) + infinitive.

#### Direct request

'Please close the window.'

'Please can you close the window?'

#### Reported request

He **asked** me **to close** the window.

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the infinitive = **to** + base form



### 4 Read the sentences. Are they commands (C) or requests (R)? Write C or R.

- 1 Be quiet! C
- 2 Can you give this pencil to Suzy, please? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Don't spend all day on the computer. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Please don't leave the windows open. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Fin, do as your mother says. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Can you hold my bag for me? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Ask before you borrow something. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Can you buy me a newspaper when you go out? \_\_\_\_\_

**5 Complete the reported commands and requests. Use asked or told.**

- 1 'Please answer the phone, Emily.'  
I asked Emily to answer the phone.
- 3 'Don't run inside.'  
Mum \_\_\_\_\_ us not to run inside.
- 5 'Don't forget your keys.'  
Mrs Chapman \_\_\_\_\_ her husband not to forget his keys.
- 7 'Please can you lend me your MP3 player?'  
Fred \_\_\_\_\_ Frank to lend him his MP3 player.

- 2 'Take the dog home, Carla.'  
Mrs Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Carla to take the dog home.
- 4 'Please don't make any breakfast.'  
I \_\_\_\_\_ her not to make any breakfast.
- 6 'Can you ask your teacher about the school trip?'  
Mum \_\_\_\_\_ Henry to ask his teacher about the school trip.
- 8 'Can you tell Eric my new address, please?'  
George \_\_\_\_\_ me to tell Eric his new address.

**6 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences. Use direct speech and reported speech commands and the verbs from the box.**

~~Don't go~~ Come back Look Don't use wash Don't take



Mum told Rob not to go near the road.



Lucy told her sister \_\_\_\_\_



Eric told Sidney \_\_\_\_\_



Seb told Fin \_\_\_\_\_



Jack's mum told him \_\_\_\_\_



The man told Henry \_\_\_\_\_



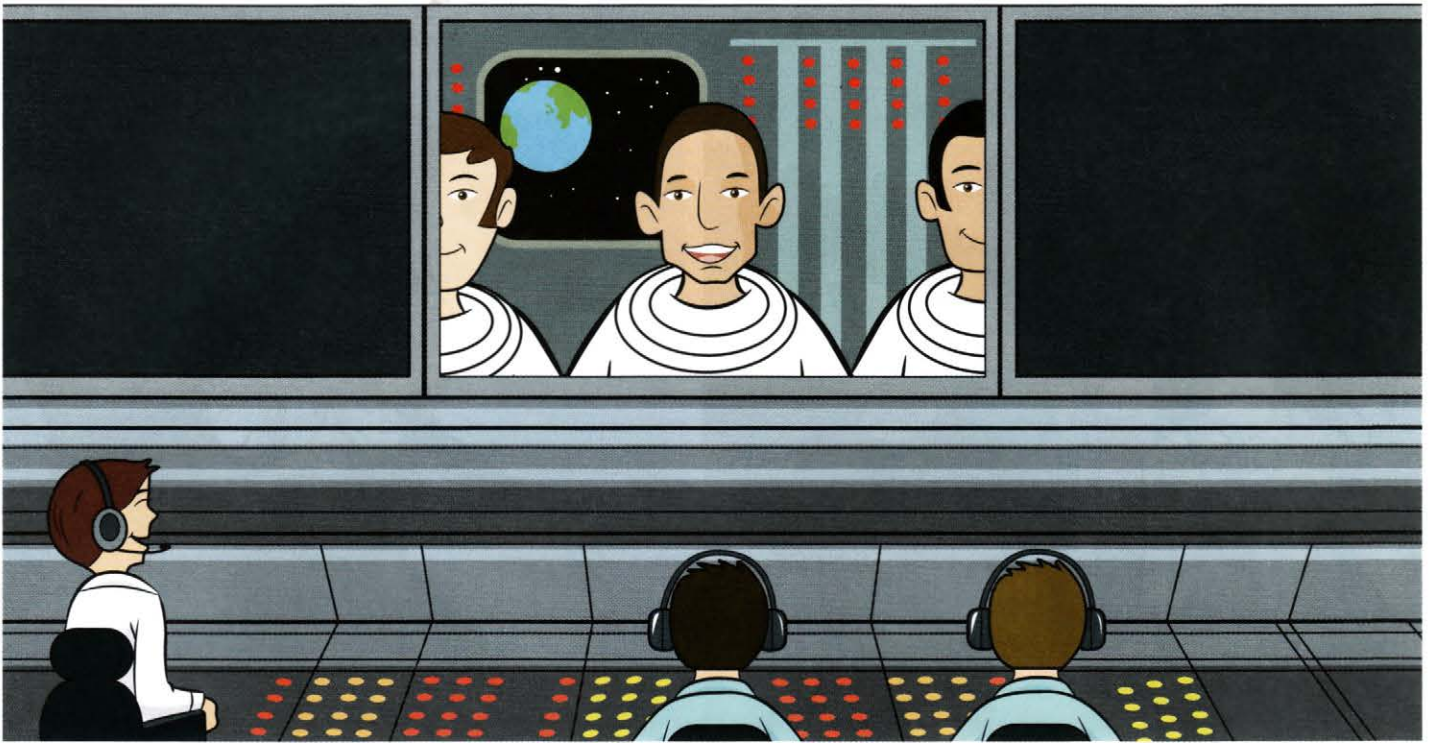
## 7 Complete the table.

	Direct speech	Speaker	Listener	Reported speech
1	Will you take us to the café?	Molly and Holly	Mum	Molly and Holly asked Mum to take them to the café.
2	Can you bring in the shopping, please?	Henry's mum	Henry	
3	Can you show me the photos you took?	Theo	Tanya	
4	Please don't talk about football all evening.	Dora	Jason	
5	Can you help me look for my glasses?	Grandpa	Jamie	
6	Can you turn up the TV?	Dad	Olly	
7	Can you please get the books from the cupboard?	Mrs Fisher	Ethan	
8	Can you get me a glass of water, please?	Grandma	Mrs Almond	

## 8 Complete the table.

	Direct speech	Speaker	Listener	Reported speech
1	Finish your homework quickly.	Lucy	me	Lucy told me to finish my homework quickly.
2				I asked Cara to choose the winner.
3				The teacher asked the class to listen carefully.
4				We asked Lewis to do the shopping.
5				Mum told me not to forget to buy the apples.
6				Grandma told us to eat the sandwiches for our lunch.
7				Mum asked Molly to answer the phone.
8				Mum and Dad told the children to switch off the TV.

9 Complete the sentences with reported speech.



- 1 **Ned** Mr Nash, what can you see?
- 2 **Mr Nash** I can see the Earth and lots of stars.
- 3 **Ned** What do you like best about being in space?
- 4 **Mr Nash** I love the peace and quiet, but not the food.
- 5 **Ned** How old were you when you decided to become an astronaut?
- 6 **Mr Nash** I was 12 years old and I was in a physics class.
- 7 **Ned** I want to be an astronaut too!
- 8 **Mr Nash** Work hard in school and you might be an astronaut one day!
- 9 **Ned** When will you arrive back on Earth?
- 10 **Mr Nash** I'm flying back to Earth next Wednesday.

- 1 Ned asked Mr Nash what he could see.
- 2 Mr Nash \_\_\_\_\_
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