

Indirect commands	
Keep quiet! Don't make noise!	
He told me He asked me	to keep quiet and not to make noise

**Ex. 1 Put the following sentences into indirect speech.**

1. "Go home," said the teacher to us.
2. "Buy some meat in the shop," said my mother to me.
3. "Sit down at the table and do your homework," said my mother to me.
4. "Don't forget to clean your teeth," said granny to Helen.
5. "Don't sit up late," said the doctor to Mary.
6. The doctor said to Pete: "Don't go for a walk today."
7. "Don't eat too much ice-cream," said Nick's mother to him.
8. "Explain to me how to solve this problem," said my friend to me.
9. The doctor said to Nick: "Open your mouth and show me your tongue."
10. "Don't be afraid of my dog," said the man to Kate.
11. "Take this book and read it," said the librarian to the boy.

**Reporting questions. Reporting *yes-no* questions and alternative questions**

Indirect reports of *yes-no* questions and questions with *or* consist of a reporting clause and a reported clause introduced by *if* or *whether*. *If* is more common than *whether*. The reported clause is in statement form (subject + verb), not question form:

Examples:

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
He asked, " <b>Do</b> you speak English?"	He asked <b>if</b> I spoke English.
My mom asked me, " <b>Are</b> you hungry?"	My mom asked me <b>if</b> I was hungry.
My mom asked, " <b>Have</b> you eaten?"	My mom asked <b>if</b> I had eaten.
Sally asked, " <b>Can</b> you ride a bike?"	Sally asked <b>if</b> I could I ride a bike.
John asked, " <b>Is</b> it raining?"	John asked <b>if</b> it was raining.

**Ex. 2 Put the following questions into indirect speech.**

1. I said to Boris: "Does your friend live in London?"
2. I said to the man: "Are you living in a hotel?"
3. Nick said to his friend: "Will you stay at the 'Hilton'?"
4. He said to me: "Do you often go to see your friends?"
5. He said to me "Will you see your friends before you leave St. Petersburg?"
6. Mike said to Jane: "Will you come to the railway station to see me off?"
7. She said to me: "Have you sent them a telegram?"
8. She said to me: "Did you send them a telegram yesterday?"
9. I said to Mike: "Have you packed your suitcase?"
10. I said to Kate: "Did anybody meet you at the station?"
11. I said to her: "Can you give me their address?"
12. I asked Tom: "Have you had breakfast?"
13. I asked my sister: "Will you stay at home or go for a walk after dinner?"

14. I said to my mother: "Did anybody come to see me?"
15. I asked my sister: "Will Nick call for you on the way to school?"
16. She said to the young man: "Can you call a taxi for me?"
17. Mary said to Peter: "Have you shown your photo to Dick?"
18. Oleg said to me: "Will you come here tomorrow?"
19. He said to us: "Did you go to the museum this morning?"

### Reporting *wh*-questions

Indirect reports of *wh*-questions consist of a reporting clause, and a reported clause beginning with a *wh*-word (*who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why*, *how*). We don't use a question mark:

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
" <b>Who</b> are you talking to?" she asked.	She asked me <b>who</b> I was talking to.
My mom asked me, " <b>What</b> are you doing?"	My mom asked me <b>what</b> I was doing.
Craig asked, " <b>When</b> are we leaving?"	Craig asked <b>when</b> we were leaving.
My dad asked, " <b>Where</b> are you meeting?"	My dad asked <b>where</b> we were meeting.
My sister asked me, " <b>Why</b> are you so sad?"	My sister asked me <b>why</b> I was so sad.
" <b>How</b> are you doing?" Jane asked.	Jane asked <b>how</b> I was doing.

### Ex. 3 Put the following questions into indirect speech.

1. I said to Nick: "Where are you going?"
2. I said to him: "How long are you going to stay there?"
3. I said to him: "How long will it take you to get here?"
4. Pete said to his friends: "When are you Cleaving St. Petersburg?"
5. He said to them: "Who will you see before you leave here?"
6. They said to him: "What time does the train start?"
7. Ann said to Mike: "When did you leave London?"
8. She said to Boris: "When Will you be back home?"
9. Boris said to them: "How can I get to the railway station?"
10. Mary asked Tom: "What time will you come here tomorrow?"
11. She asked me: "Why didn't you come here yesterday?"
12. She asked me: "What will you do tomorrow if you are not busy at your office?"
13. I asked Mike: "What will you do after dinner?"
14. I asked my uncle: "How long did you stay in the Crimea?"
15. Ada said to me: "Where did you see such trees?"
16. I said to Becky: "What kind of book has your friend brought you?"
17. Mother said to me: "Who has brought this parcel?"
18. He said to her: "Where do you usually spend your summer holidays?"

### Ex. 4 Choose the correct answer.

- 1) Tom asked, "Where are you going?"  
Tom asked where I \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. is going  
b. are going  
c. was going
- 2) Susan asked Jeff, "Can you pick me up?"  
Susan asked Jeff if he \_\_\_\_\_ pick her up.  
a. can

- b. could
- c. will

3) Everyone asked, "When will the movie start?"  
Everyone asked when the movie \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. will start
- b. would start
- c. will be starting

4) "Did you finish your homework?" my mom asked.  
My mom asked if I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework.

- a. had finished
- b. would finish
- c. will be finishing

5) My grandfather asked me, "How old are you?"  
My grandfather asked me how old I \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. are
- b. were
- c. Was

**Ex. 5 Choose the correct answer.**

1) She asked me if I would go to the store with her.  
She asked me, \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "Will you go to the store with me?"
- b. "Can you go to the store with me?"
- c. "Are you going to the store with m?e"

2) He asked us what movie we were watching.  
He asked us, \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "What movie is you watching?"
- b. "What movie are you watching?"
- c. "What movie will you be watching?"

3) My mom asked us if we wanted ice cream.  
My mom asked us, \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "Do you want ice cream?"
- b. "Do you wanted ice cream?"
- c. "Do you wanting ice cream?"

4) My teacher asked me what my name was.  
My teacher asked, \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "What are your name?"
- b. "What is your name?"
- c. "What your name is?"

5) He asked when the plane arrived.  
He asked, \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "When is the plane arrive?"
- b. "When do the plane arrive?"
- c. "When did the plane arrive?"