



REPORTED QUESTIONS

In Reported questions, as in our own language, the interrogative form doesn't exist in itself as:

- 1.- it doesn't keep the question mark, not the interrogative intonation either.
- 2.- There is no interrogative auxiliary
- 3.- The word order is that of statements.

→ It is introduced by an introductory verb **Ask**.

→ There are 2 kinds of interrogative sentences: } - Wh-questions
 } - Yes/No questions.

E.g.- *John: What do you think about this, Lara?*

John asked Lara what she thought about that

John: Lara, do you need help?

John asked Lara if she needed help.

PRACTICE .- 1.- Report the questions the owner of the restaurant made to Linda.

a) Owner: Are you over 18, Linda?

The owner asked LINDA IF SHE WAS OVER 18

b) Owner: What are you doing at the moment?

The owner asked LINDA WHAT SHE WAS DOING AT THAT MOMENT.

c) Owner: Are you still at school?

The owner asked HER IF SHE WAS STILL AT SCHOOL

d) Owner: Have you worked in a restaurant before?

The owner asked LINDA IF SHE HAD WORKED IN A RESTAURANT BEFORE

e) Owner: Which school did you go to?

The owner asked HER WHICH SCHOOL SHE HAD GONE TO

f) Owner: Did you get good marks?

The owner asked LINDA IF SHE HAD GOT GOOD MARKS

g) Owner: Why do you want to work in a restaurant ?

The owner asked LINDA WHY SHE WANTED TO WORK IN A RESTAURANT

h) Owner: Can you work on Sundays from time to time?

The owner asked HER IF SHE COULD WORK ON SUNDAYS FROM TIME TO TIME

i) Owner: Have you got any questions?

The owner asked HER IF SHE HAD ANY QUESTIONS.



PRODUCTION.- JOB INTERVIEW. Report the job interview John had.

Interviewer: So, you've applied for the Saturday position, right?

John: Yes, I have.

Interviewer: Why did you reply to our advertisement? (1)

John: Well, I was looking for a part-time job to help me through college. And I think that I'd be really good at this kind of work.

Interviewer: Do you know exactly what a shop assistant does? (2)

John: Well, shop assistants help customers, they check on the supplies in the store, and prepare the shop for business.

Interviewer: What kind of student were you? (3) Did you enjoy studying while you were at school? (4)

John: I suppose I'm a reasonable student. I passed all my exams and I enjoy studying subjects that interest me

Interviewer: Have you any previous work experience? (5)

John: Yes. I worked part-time at a take-away in the summer holidays.

Interviewer: Now, do you have any questions about the position? (6)

John: Yes. Can you tell me what hours I'd have to work? (7)

Interviewer: We open at 9.00, but you must arrive at 8.30 and we close at 6.00 pm. You will be able to leave then. I think I have asked you everything I wanted to. Thank you for coming along to the interview.

John: Thank you. When will I know if I have been successful? (8)

Interviewer: We'll be making our decision next Monday, we'll give you a call.

First the interviewer asked John if he had applied for the Saturday position and John asked he had; then, the interviewer wanted to know why John had replied to their advertisement and John explained that he was looking for a part-time job to help him through college and added that he'd be really good at that kind of job.

The interviewer went further with his questions and asked him if he knew exactly what a shop assistant does. John then replied that shop assistants help customers, check on the supplies in the store, and prepare the shop for business. Next, the interviewer asked what kind of student he was and if he enjoyed studying while he was at school. John said that in his opinion he was a reasonable student who had passed all his exams and who enjoyed studying the subject that he was interested in. Then, the interviewer asked if he had any previous work experience and John said he had worked part-time at a take-away in the summer holidays. After all these questions, the interviewer offered to answer any questions about the position. John asked him what hours he'd have to work and then the interviewer explained that they opened at 9.00, but he would have to arrive at 8.30 and they closed at 6:00 pm. He added then he had no more questions and thanked John for going to the interview.

Finally John asked when he'd have an answer and the interviewer replied they would make their decision the following Monday, and then they would give him a call.

