

Handout
Reported Speech, Module 2 of 3

- When we report a 'wh' question we repeat the original question word (who, when, what, where, how, why) in the reported sentence.
- Reporting verbs like: asked, inquired, wanted to know, wondered are used in the reported sentence when 'wh' questions are reported.
- **Examples**

Direct speech	Reported speech
"Where does Peter live?"	She asked him where Peter lived.
"Where are you going?"	She inquired where I was going.
"Why is she crying?"	He wanted to know why she was crying.

Some more Examples

Direct speech	Reported speech
"What is your name?" he asked me.	He wanted to know what my name was.
"How old is your mother?", he asked.	He asked how old her mother was.

Direct speech	Reported speech
The policeman said to the boy, "Where do you live?"	The policeman asked the boy where he lived.
"What time does the train arrive?" she asked.	She asked what time the train arrived.
"When can we have dinner?" she asked.	She wondered when they could have dinner.
Amar said to Sohail, "Why are you so late?"	Amar asked Sohail why he was so late.
