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Reported Speech

Reporting 'wh' questions.

what

whose

when

who

how

where

why

HOUSEHOLDERS COULD TALK OF
NOTHING BUT HILSA-FISH.

HOW MUCH DID
YOU PAY FOR THAT
HILSA ?

YOU WOULDN'T
BELIEVE IT IF I TOLD
YOU.



Let's imagine that the man who is listening to the man and woman goes home and tells his wife what the woman had asked.

He would say: The woman asked the man how much he had paid for the hilsa.



Let's report what Gopal's wife asked him.

-> Gopal's wife asked him why his face was half-shaven.



-> Gopal's wife wanted to know what the matter with him was and why he was smearing himself with ash.

Let's look at the 'wh' questions once again:

Direct Speech Question (DSQ)-

1. The woman **said to the man**, "How much **did you pay** for the hilsa?"

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The woman **asked the man** how much **he** had paid for the hilsa.

2. Gopal's wife **said to him**, "Why is your face half shaven?"

RS


Gopal's wife **asked him** why his face was half -shaven.

3. Gopal's wife said to him, "What's the matter with you? Why are you smearing yourself with ash?"

RS

Gopal's wife asked him what the matter with him was. Why he was smearing himself with ash.

What changes do we see?

- removed the speech marks and the question mark-'?'
- added the reporting verb 'asked'
- changed the verb from (back shifting)->present tense
 - >past ->past perfect tense- 'is' &'are'-> was, 'did...pay'
 - >had paid
- changed pronouns -'you' -> he, him, 'yourself'-> himself-
- inverted the position  of the 'to be verb' and the pronoun/noun

Thank
you

