

REPORTED SPEECH (MIXED TYPES)*

When statements and questions are mixed, each section must be introduced by an appropriate verb: *tell, say, explain, remark*, etc., for STATEMENTS ONLY; *ask, enquire, want to know, wonder*, etc., for QUESTIONS ONLY. A useful connective device for question plus statement is: *adding that...*

'I'm off to the pictures. Where are you going?'

He *said* he was off to the pictures and *wanted to know* where I was going.



- Put the following into REPORTED SPEECH, with the introducing verbs in the PAST tense:
 1. It is cold in here. Is the window open?
 2. Do you think it will rain? It is very cloudy.
 3. I must write some letters now. What date is it?
 4. How do you like Maisie's new dress? I bought it for her at a sale.
 5. We are going for a country walk. Would you like to come too?
 6. What time is it? My watch has stopped.
 7. This is the most interesting book. Have you ever read it?
 8. What is the matter? You don't look very well.
 9. That looks difficult to do. Can I help you?
 10. Are you free tomorrow night? I would like you to come to my party.
 11. The dog has stolen the meat. What are we to do?
 12. How far is it to Birmingham? I hope¹ we can get there before dark.
 13. Who do you think is England's greatest dramatist? I like Shaw best.
 14. How long have you been learning English? Your accent is very good.
 15. It is time to go. Have you got all your things?
 16. Is that the postman? I hope he has a letter for me.
 17. Would you like to see the garden? It is very pleasant out there.
 18. Where are the Barkers spending their holidays? They usually go to Bournemouth.
 19. You are late home. What have you been doing?
 20. Would you like a cup of tea? It's just been made.
 21. I am learning English. Can you speak English?
 22. I have a headache. Can I have an aspirin?
 23. Will you explain what Cyril means? I don't know what he is talking about.
 24. The matter will soon be dealt with. Have you anything more to ask?
 25. Have you a light? I've forgotten to bring my matches.
 26. Do you understand it now? I'll explain it again if you don't.
 27. Why can't you answer at once? You're not always so slow.
 28. I've read this book before. Have you something else I can read?
 29. May I take an apple? They look so nice.
 30. Can you tell me the time? I shall have to leave at five.

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