

# Reported Speech Exercise

Fill in the blanks. This grammar exercise tests your ability to use reported speech correctly.

1. He asked me what .....

was I doing

I was doing

I am doing

2. The stranger enquired where .....

I live

did I live

I lived

do I live

3. He asked them ..... they would listen to such a man.

if

whether

Either could be used here

4. The policeman ordered us .....

that we go away

to go away

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go away

5. She said that she ..... me.

doesn't believe

didn't believe

hasn't believed

6. The king asked the philosopher whom he ..... the happiest man living.

consider

considers

considered

7. I told them .....

that be quiet

that they be quiet

to be quiet

8. Alladin asked the magician what ..... to deserve such a severe punishment.

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had he done  
he had done  
he has done

9. They asked who ..... and what  
.....

are we; we want  
we were; did we want  
we were; we wanted  
were we; we wanted

10. He told me to wait until he .....

came  
comes  
had come

11. The king was deeply grieved and asked his  
wife what ..... do for her.

could he  
he could  
he can  
can he

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12. He proposed that ..... wait for the news.

let them

let him

they should

## Answers

1. He asked me what I was doing.
2. The stranger enquired where I lived.
3. He asked them if / whether they would listen to such a man.
4. The policeman ordered us to go away.
5. She said that she didn't believe me.
6. The king asked the philosopher whom he considered the happiest man living.
7. I told them to be quiet.
8. Alladin asked the magician what he had done to deserve such a severe punishment.
9. They asked who we were and what we wanted.
10. He told me to wait until he came.
11. The king was deeply grieved and asked his wife what he could do for her.

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12. He proposed that they should wait for the news.