

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.