



## **The Right Answer:** b

### **More Examples:**

**Direct Question:** "Did she finish the assignment?"

**Indirect Report:** He asked if she had finished the assignment.

**Direct Question:** "Is he coming to the meeting?"

**Indirect Report:** She wondered whether he was coming to the meeting.

**Direct Question:** "Have they decided on the date?"

**Indirect Report:** He inquired if they had decided on the date.

**Direct Question:** "Will you join us for dinner?"

**Indirect Report:** They asked whether I would join them for dinner.

**Direct Question:** "Can you solve this problem?"

**Indirect Report:** She asked if I could solve that problem.

**Direct Question:** "Does he know the answer?"

**Indirect Report:** They wanted to know if he knew the answer.

**Direct Question:** "Are you attending the conference?"

**Indirect Report:** She asked if I was attending the conference.

## **Reporting WH Questions**

If you want to report a WH question indirectly, you should use a noun clause which starts with the WH word in the question. To be exact, you should follow these steps:

1. **Choose a Reporting Verb:** Use verbs like "ask," "inquire," "wonder," or "want to know."
2. **Include the Question Word:** Keep the original question word (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).
3. **Adjust Pronouns and Tenses:** Change pronouns and tenses to fit the context and time frame of the original question.
4. **Remove the Question Format:** Change the structure from a direct question to a statement, but keep the question word.

Examples:

**Direct Speech:** *I asked Tom, "Where did you stay during your visit to London?"*

**Indirect Speech:** *I asked Tom where he had stayed during his visit to London.*

**Direct Speech:** *I asked myself, "How do they process big data in their department?"*

**Indirect Speech:** *I wondered how they processed big data in their department.*

**Point:**

We cannot use the reporting verbs "tell" or "say" when we want to report a question. Use verbs such as "ask," "wonder," "inquire," and "want to know" instead.

Example:

**Don't Say:** *The nurse told me, "How old are you?"*

**Say:** *The nurse asked me, "How old are you?"*

**Don't Say:** *The nurse told me how old I was.*

**Say:** *The nurse asked me how old I was.*

**More Examples:**

**Direct:** "Why did she leave the meeting early?"

**Indirect:** He inquired why she had left the meeting early.

**Direct:** "What changes have you made to the project?"

**Indirect:** They wanted to know what changes I had made to the project.

**Direct:** "How will the new policy affect us?"

**Indirect:** She asked how the new policy would affect them.

**Direct:** "Where can we find more information about this topic?"

**Indirect:** He wondered where they could find more information about that topic.

**Direct:** "When is the deadline for the application?"

**Indirect:** They inquired when the deadline for the application was.

**Direct:** "Who will be leading the team?"

**Indirect:** She wanted to know who would be leading the team.

**Direct:** "Which option do you prefer?"

**Indirect:** He asked which option I preferred.

**Direct:** "Why hasn't he responded to my emails?"

**Indirect:** She wondered why he hadn't responded to her emails.

**Source:**

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