

QUESTIONS INTO CLAUSES

<p>“<u>Does</u> Tom <u>need</u> more help?” <i>(yes-no question)</i></p>	<p>REPORTED SPEECH (or indirect speech) You asked (me) <i>if</i> Tom <u>needed</u> more help. You asked <i>whether</i> Tom <u>needed</u> more help. <i>(formal)</i></p> <p>THINKING TO YOURSELF I’m not sure <i>if</i> Tim <u>needs</u> more help. I don’t know <i>if</i> Tim <u>needs</u> more help (or not). I wonder <i>whether (or not)</i> Tim <u>needs</u> more help.</p>
<p>“WHO <u>is</u> it?”</p>	<p>REPORTED SPEECH You asked (me) WHO it <u>was</u>.</p> <p>THINKING TO YOURSELF I’m not sure who it <u>is</u>. I don’t know who it <u>is</u>. I wonder who it <u>is</u>.</p>
<p>“WHAT <u>can</u> I <u>do</u> for you?”</p>	<p>You asked (me) WHAT you <u>could</u> do for me.</p>
<p>“WHERE <u>are</u> the reports?” “WHERE <u>do</u> I <u>go</u>?”</p>	<p>You asked (me) WHERE the reports <u>were</u>. You asked (me) WHERE (you <u>were</u>) <u>to go</u>.</p>
<p>“WHEN <u>did</u> you <u>go</u> to San Francisco?”</p>	<p>You asked (me) WHEN I <u>had gone</u> to San Francisco.</p>
<p>“WHY <u>do</u> you <u>need</u> to fill out that form?” “WHY don’t you take off your hat?” <i>(suggestion)</i></p>	<p>You asked (me) WHY I <u>needed</u> to fill out this form. You told me <u>to take off</u> my hat.</p>
<p>“HOW <u>do</u> I <u>get</u> there?” <i>(request)</i></p>	<p>You asked (me) HOW <u>to get</u> there.</p>
<p>“COULD I <u>talk</u> to Tom?” <i>(present time; request)</i></p>	<p>You asked (me) <i>if</i> you <u>could talk</u> to Tom. You asked <u>to talk</u> to Tom.</p>
<p>“WOULD you <u>show</u> me your i.d. please?” <i>(present time; request)</i></p>	<p>You asked (me) <i>if</i> I would show you my i.d. You asked me to show you i.d.</p>