

Practice Exercises – Reported Speech (Reported Questions)

Review *Reported Questions* before doing the exercises.

Choose the answer that is grammatically correct in the context of the sentence. There is only one correct answer.

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1. Tourist: "Where is the post office?" A tourist asked me where _____.
 - a. is the post office
 - b. was the post office
 - c. the post office was
 - d. the post office has

2. Mom: "It's 2a.m.; what are you doing in the kitchen?" Mom wanted to know what _____ in the kitchen.
 - a. I do
 - b. am I doing
 - c. I was doing
 - d. was I doing

3. Dad: "Why did you come home so late last night?" Dad wanted to know _____ home very late the night before.
 - a. why I had come
 - b. if I come
 - c. why did I come
 - d. if I came

4. Jerry: "Does your son live in Milan?" Jerry wants to know _____ in Milan?
 - a. has my son lived
 - b. does my son live
 - c. if my son lives
 - d. if my son had lived

5. Jane: "Have you ever been to Australia?" Jane asked me _____ to Australia.
 - a. if I'm ever going
 - b. have I ever been
 - c. had I ever been
 - d. if I'd ever been

6. Joe: "Could you sing when you were five?" He asked me _____ when I was five.
 - a. if I could sing
 - b. can I sing
 - c. could I sing
 - d. if I can sing

7. Mother: "When are you going to do your homework?" Mother asked me when _____ to do my homework.
 - a. I was going
 - b. was I going
 - c. I'll be going
 - d. am I going

8. Allen: "How many songs had John Lennon written before he died?" Allen wanted to know how many songs _____ before his death.
 - a. was John Lennon writing
 - b. John Lennon had written
 - c. John Lennon was writing
 - d. had John Lennon written

9. Janet: "Were you working at 8 p.m. last night? Janet asked me _____ at 8 p.m. the other night.
 - a. was I working
 - b. had I been working
 - c. if I'd been working
 - d. if I'm working

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10. Bob: "How long will you stay in London?" Bob wants to know how long _____ in London.
a. I stayed
b. will I stay
c. I will stay
d. do I stay
11. Dad: "Have you been attending classes regularly?" Dad asked me _____ attending classes regularly.
a. have I been
b. had I been
d. if I'd be
e. if I'd been
12. Mario: "What should I do to improve my English?" Mario asked his teacher what _____ to improve his English.
a. he should do
b. should he do
c. shall he do
d. he would do
13. Jim: "How much does your sister earn?" Jim wanted to know how much _____.
a. does my sister earn
b. did my sister earn
c. my sister earned
d. my sister has earned
14. Police: "Had he been driving fast before the accident?" The police asked the eyewitness _____ fast before the accident.
a. had the driver been going
b. was the driver going
c. if the driver had been going
d. if the driver's going
15. Mary: "Are you able to swim?" Mary asked me _____ to swim.
a. am I able
b. will I be able
c. if I have been able
d. if I was able
16. Tourist: "When was that castle built?" The tourist asked the guide when _____.
a. the castle had been built
b. the castle was being built
c. was the castle built
d. had the castle been built
17. Sue: "May I sleep at Lee's house overnight?" Sue asked her mother _____ at her friend's house overnight.
a. can she sleep
b. could she sleep
c. if she might sleep
d. if she had to sleep
18. Lucy: "Did you use to play soccer as a child?" Lucy asked John _____ to play soccer as a child.
a. if he used
b. if he had used
c. did he use
d. had he used
19. Mike: "Whose sports car is that?" Mike wants to know whose sports car _____.
a. is that
b. was that
c. that is
d. that has been

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20. Boss: "Why didn't you come to the meeting yesterday?" The boss asked Joe _____ to the meeting the day before.
- why hadn't he come
 - why didn't he come
 - because he didn't come
 - why he hadn't come
21. Ann: "Who were you arguing with a few minutes ago?" I asked Lina who _____ with shortly before.
- was she arguing
 - is she arguing
 - she has been arguing
 - she had been arguing
22. Lee: "Are you going to go to the beach tomorrow?" Lee asked me _____ to go to the beach the next day.
- if I was going
 - if I will
 - am I going
 - was I going
23. John: "What kind of music would you like to hear?" John asked me what kind of music _____ to hear.
- I'd like
 - would I like
 - did I like
 - I like
24. "Are you working tomorrow?" I asked Marina _____ the following day.
- was she working
 - is she working
 - if she was working
 - if she had worked
25. Sue: "How long have you been waiting?" Sue asked me how long _____.
- I had been waiting
 - I was waiting
 - have I been waiting
 - was I waiting
26. "Which poems can you recite by heart?" I asked my niece which poems _____ recite by heart.
- she could
 - can she
 - could she
 - she would
27. Amy: "Had you finished eating when I phoned yesterday?" Amy wanted to know _____ eating when she phoned the other day.
- if I had finished
 - if I finish
 - had I finished
 - did I finish
28. Jill: "What were you doing yesterday at midnight?" Jill asked Ed what _____ at midnight the night before.
- was he doing
 - did he do
 - he's done
 - he'd been doing
29. Roy: "How often do you wear jeans to work?" Roy wanted to know how often _____ jeans to work.
- do I wear
 - did I wear
 - I wore
 - I'll wear

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30. Denise: "Will you help me with the housework?" Denise wanted to know _____ her with the housework.
a. if I would help
b. if I helped
c. would I help
d. will I help
31. Liz: "How many films have you seen this month?" Liz wanted to know how many films _____ this month.
a. have I seen
b. had I seen
c. I'd seen
d. I see
32. Beatrice: "Did your grandparents come from Russia?" Beatrice asked me _____ from Russia.
a. did my grandparents come
b. are my grandparents coming
c. if my grandparents were coming
d. if my grandparents had come
33. Lea: "Whom should we invite to dinner next week?" Lea asked her husband whom _____ invite to dinner the following week.
a. should they
b. they should
c. they have
d. will they
34. Dave: "Did your sister have a baby last month?" Dave asked me _____ a baby the month before.
a. if my sister had had
b. did my sister have
c. if my sister was having
d. has my sister had
35. Eli: "What had you been doing before I arrived yesterday?" Eli wanted to know what _____ before she arrived.
a. had I been doing
b. was I doing
c. I'd been doing
d. I've done
36. Teacher: "Can you speak Swedish fluently?" The teacher asked Mary whether _____ Swedish fluently.
a. she could speak
b. can she speak
c. she is speaking
d. could she speak
37. Anita: "Why aren't you inviting Ben to your party?" Anita wanted to know why _____ Ben to my party.
a. am I not inviting
b. wasn't I inviting
c. I wasn't inviting
d. I can't invite
38. Linda: "How often do you eat a sandwich for lunch?" Linda wanted to know how often _____ a sandwich for lunch.
a. do I eat
b. I ate
c. I would
d. did I eat
39. Simon: "What have you been doing lately?" Simon asked his friend what _____ lately?
a. has he been doing
b. had he been doing
c. he did
d. he'd been doing

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40. Bank manager: "Would you be interested in opening an account with us?" The bank manager asked me _____ interested in opening an account at his bank.
- if I'd be
 - if I've been
 - would I be
 - will I be
41. Gina: "Where are you going to buy your *iPhone*?" Gina wants to know where _____ to buy my *iPhone*.
- was I going
 - am I going
 - I'm going
 - I go
42. Vic: "Should we invite Lee and Ed to our wedding?" Vic asked Sue _____ Lee and Ed to their wedding.
- if they had better invite
 - if they should invite
 - should they invite
 - would they invite
43. Al: "What will you do if you arrive late for the exam?" Al asked me what _____ if I arrived late for the exam.
- will I do
 - would I do
 - I'm doing
 - I would do
44. Boss: "Why don't you wake up earlier if you want to arrive on time?" The boss asked Jill why _____ up earlier if she wanted to arrive on time.
- didn't she wake
 - doesn't she wake
 - she didn't wake
 - she hasn't woken
45. "Where did you go last weekend?" I asked my sister where _____ the previous weekend.
- she'd been
 - she's been
 - did she go
 - had she gone
46. Jo: "Were you sleeping when I called last night?" Jo asked Ellie _____ sleeping when she called last night.
- if she'd been
 - if she's
 - had she been
 - was she
47. "Have you started working on the new IT project?" Ben asked me _____ working on the new IT project.
- if I'd started
 - if I'll start
 - have I started
 - had I started
48. Paul: "Who could I call for some private algebra lessons?" Paul wanted to know who _____ call for some private algebra lessons.
- could he
 - can he
 - he could
 - he will

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49. Jill: "Did you use to go roller skating when you were a child?" Jill asked me _____ to go roller skating when I was a child.
- if I used
 - if I had used
 - did I use
 - was I used
50. "How long have you known your best friend?" I asked Beth how long _____ her best friend.
- she had known
 - she knows
 - has she known
 - does she know
51. Sean: "Were you able to find any tickets for tomorrow's concert?" Sean wanted to know _____ to find any tickets for tomorrow's concert.
- if I had been able
 - was I able
 - if I have been able
 - had I been able
52. Dave: "Why are you crying?" Dave asked me _____ .
- why I was crying
 - why am I crying
 - why was I crying
 - because I cried
53. Rae: "Did you have any pets when you were a child?" Rae asked me _____ any pets when I was a child.
- if I had had
 - did I have
 - had I
 - if I have had
54. Jill: "Are you going to apologize to Ann?" Jill wanted to know _____ to apologize to Ann.
- was I going
 - if I wanted
 - if I was going
 - do I want
55. Millie: "Should we go and visit Ann tomorrow?" Millie asked me _____ go and visit Ann the day after.
- should we
 - could we
 - if we should
 - if we must
56. Albert: "Whose laptop was stolen yesterday?" Albert wants to know whose laptop _____ yesterday.
- is stolen
 - was stolen
 - would steal
 - has been stolen
57. James: "Is that your car?" James wanted to know _____ my car.
- if that was
 - if that had been
 - is that
 - was that
58. Joe: "Did you go rafting last weekend?" Joe wanted to know _____ rafting the weekend before.
- did I go
 - had I been
 - if I've gone
 - if I'd been

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59. "Where can I buy some stamps near here?" A tourist asked me where _____ buy some stamps nearby.

- a. he could
- b. can he
- c. could he
- d. he would

60. "Why don't you like Doris?" I asked Sarah why _____ Doris.

- a. she didn't like
- b. doesn't she like
- c. didn't she like
- d. she hasn't liked

61. Customer: "Where do I have to return my rented car?" The customer wanted to know where _____ to return his rented car.

- a. does he have
- b. did he have
- c. he had
- d. he would

62. Bill: "What would you do if you couldn't find your car keys?" Bill asked me what _____ if I couldn't find my car keys.

- a. would I do
- b. will I do
- c. I would do
- d. I am doing

63. Eli: "Does your sister live in Milan?" Eli wants to know _____ in Milan.

- a. if my sister has lived
- b. if my sister lives
- c. had my sister lived
- d. does my sister live

64. Brian: "What kind of dog did you have when you were a child?" Brian wanted to know what kind of dog _____ when I was a child.

- a. did I have
- b. have I had
- c. I'd had
- d. I've had

65. "Why were you so rude to Joan?" I asked Ruth why _____ so rude to Joan.

- a. she had been
- b. she has been
- c. was she
- d. is she