

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.
a. if I'd be
b. if I've been
c. would I be
d. will I be
41. Gina: "Where are you going to buy your *iPhone*?" Gina wants to know where _____ to buy my *iPhone*.
a. was I going
b. am I going
c. I'm going
d. I go
42. Vic: "Should we invite Lee and Ed to our wedding?" Vic asked Sue _____ Lee and Ed to their wedding.
a. if they had better invite
b. if they should invite
c. should they invite
d. 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.
a. will I do
b. would I do
c. I'm doing
d. 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.
a. didn't she wake
b. doesn't she wake
c. she didn't wake
d. she hasn't woken
45. "Where did you go last weekend?" I asked my sister where _____ the previous weekend.
a. she'd been
b. she's been
c. did she go
d. had she gone
46. Jo: "Were you sleeping when I called last night?" Jo asked Ellie _____ sleeping when she called last night.
a. if she'd been
b. if she's
c. had she been
d. was she
47. "Have you started working on the new IT project?" Ben asked me _____ working on the new IT project.
a. if I'd started
b. if I'll start
c. have I started
d. 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.
a. could he
b. can he
c. he could
d. 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.

- a. if I used
- b. if I had used
- c. did I use
- d. was I used

50. "How long have you known your best friend?" I asked Beth how long _____ her best friend.

- a. she had known
- b. she knows
- c. has she known
- d. 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.

- a. if I had been able
- b. was I able
- c. if I have been able
- d. had I been able

52. Dave: "Why are you crying?" Dave asked me _____ .

- a. why I was crying
- b. why am I crying
- c. why was I crying
- d. 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.

- a. if I had had
- b. did I have
- c. had I
- d. if I have had

54. Jill: "Are you going to apologize to Ann?" Jill wanted to know _____ to apologize to Ann.

- a. was I going
- b. if I wanted
- c. if I was going
- d. do I want

55. Millie: "Should we go and visit Ann tomorrow?" Millie asked me _____ go and visit Ann the day after.

- a. should we
- b. could we
- c. if we should
- d. if we must

56. Albert: "Whose laptop was stolen yesterday?" Albert wants to know whose laptop _____ yesterday.

- a. is stolen
- b. was stolen
- c. would steal
- d. has been stolen

57. James: "Is that your car?" James wanted to know _____ my car.

- a. if that was
- b. if that had been
- c. is that
- d. was that

58. Joe: "Did you go rafting last weekend?" Joe wanted to know _____ rafting the weekend before.

- a. did I go
- b. had I been
- c. if I've gone
- d. 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