



Reported Speech – Part 2

Reported Questions

Study the examples

- “Do you trust me, Harry?” asked Hermione.
- Hermione asked Harry if he trusted her.
- “Why are you still here?” Harry asked Ron.
- Harry asked Ron why he was still there.



Changes

- As you can see there are some changes we have already mentioned when studying reporting statements (personal pronouns, possessive adjectives and pronouns, tenses, time adverbials).
- There are some new ones, though.



Reporting verbs

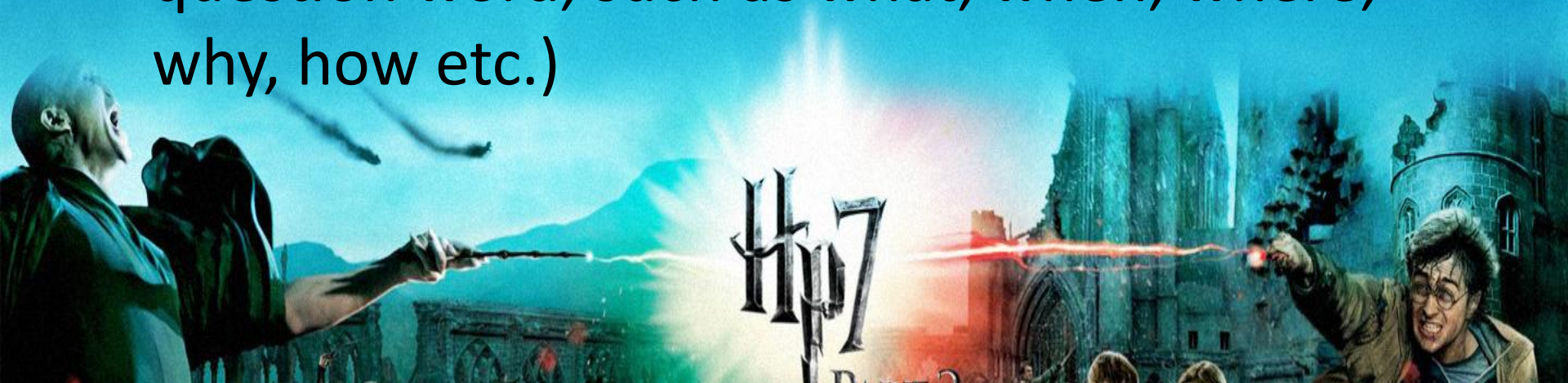
- Reporting verbs used are mainly:

ask, want to know, wonder



Types of questions

- We distinguish two types of questions:
- Yes/no questions (the ones starting with an auxiliary or modal verb to which we reply with yes/no)
- Wh-questions (the ones starting with a question word, such as what, when, where, why, how etc.)



Yes/no questions

When we report these questions we link two parts with if/whether

- Harry asked Lupin: “Will George be OK?”
- Harry asked Lupin whether George would be OK.
- Harry asked Ron: “Do ghouls normally wear pyjamas?”
- Harry asked Ron if ghouls normally wore pyjamas.



Wh-questions

The two parts are linked with the question word used in direct speech.

- “Where are we?” asked Ron.
- Ron asked them **where** they were.
- “How does she know?” wondered Hermione.
- Hermione wondered **how** she knew.



Word order

- In reported yes/no questions, we use if/whether + the subject + the verb.
- In reported -wh questions, we use the wh- word + the subject + the verb.
- We do not use the interrogative form of the verb: do/does/did
- Question marks are not used.



- “Does it make a difference?” asked Hermione.
- Hermione wanted to know if it made a difference.
- “What do you know about the Deathly Hallows?” Harry asked Mr Olivander.
- Harry asked Mr Olivander what he knew about the Deathly Hallows.



Let's practise

- “Why isn't he coming with us?” asked Dudley.
- Dudley wanted to know why he wasn't coming with them.



- “Can you control what you dream about, Hermione?” asked Harry.
- Harry asked Hermione whether she could control what she dreamed about.



- “Are you sure?” Bellatrix asked Griphook.
- Bellatrix asked Griphook whether he was sure.



- “Why isn’t Hermione with you?” Harry asked Ron.
- Harry asked Ron why Hermione wasn’t with him.



- “How are we going to find Bathilda’s house?” asked Hermione.
- Hermione asked Harry how they were going to find Bathilda’s house.



- “Where have you brought me?” asked Phineas Nigellus.
- Phineas Nigellus wanted to know where they had brought him.

