

UNIT 36 transforming spoken sentences

Like in the previous topic, you have to take note of the tenses and pronouns. You will usually have to change these in your answers. Also note that the transformed question is a sentence. Therefore, your answer cannot be in the form of a question.

**Example A**

"Is she our new form teacher?" Ronny asked Devi.

**Answer**

Ronny asked Devi if she was their new form teacher.

**NOTE:**

'Ronny asked Devi' are words given in the answer. 'is' has been replaced by 'was' in the answer and 'our' has been replaced with 'their'. Note that 'she' remains unchanged in the answer as 'she' refers to neither Ronny nor Devi. Also note that 'if' is included in the answer. 'if' is usually included when spoken questions are being transformed.

**Example B**

"Do you like fishing?" Mr Tang asked Edmund.

**Answer**

Mr Tang asked Edmund if he liked fishing.

**NOTE:**

'Mr Tang asked Edmund' are words given in the answer. 'you' has been replaced by 'he'. Note that 'do' has been excluded from the answer. It does not have to be replaced by another word.

**Example C**

"Can I bring my sister with me?" Christopher asked Sammy.

**Answer**

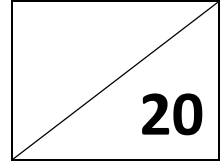
Christopher asked Sammy if he could bring his sister with him.

**NOTE:**

'Christopher asked Sammy' are the words given in the answer. 'can I bring' is replaced by 'if he could bring'.

**EXERCISE**

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).



1. "Did you take my wallet," Maggie asked Mitch.  
Maggie asked Mitche \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. "Do you like dogs?" Alex asked Sue.  
Alex asked Sue \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. "How's the movie?" Mother asked me.  
Mother asked me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. "What did you buy at the sale?" Santhi asked Lulu.  
Santhi asked Lulu \_\_\_\_\_  
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- \*5. "Are these the books you borrowed from the library?" Mary asked Cathy.  
Mary asked Cathy \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. "Is that my order?" Cheryl asked the waiter.  
Cheryl asked the waiter \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. "Who was that woman?" Mrs Lim asked Rachel.  
Mrs Lim asked Rachel \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. "Did I leave my glasses here?" Father asked Ray.  
Father asked Ray \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. "Will you play the piano for us?" the class asked Mrs Ho.  
The class asked Mrs Ho \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \*10. "Can you tell me where you left the picture?" the detective asked the suspect  
The detective asked the suspect \_\_\_\_\_  
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