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Basics. Reported Speech: Questions and Commands

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Clause | Indirect speech | Infinitive | Modal verb | Negation | Object | Questions | Verb | Verb tense | Perfect tense | Word order

1. Help the neighborhood gossip accurately recount the interrogations she faced about the mysterious glowing package on her porch. Select ALL the grammatically correct reported questions.

Select all that apply.

A) The police officer asked if I had seen anyone near the porch.
B) The mail carrier wanted to know whether the box was ticking.
C) The detective asked did I touch the glowing parcel.
D) My husband asked if had I ordered plutonium again.

2. Help Marco summarize his extremely weird job interview to his roommate by selecting the correct options for each blank.

"It was so strange! First, the interviewer asked me why _____ my last job. I answered normally, but then she leaned in and asked _____ alpacas."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) did I leave
B) I had left
C) had I left

Blank 2

A) did I like
B) if I liked
C) whether do I like

3. Help the nervous lab assistant document the eccentric inventor's experiment. Select the grammatically correct sentence.

Select one.

A) The scientist asked will the time machine work in the rain.
B) The scientist asked if would the time machine work in the rain.
C) The scientist asked whether the time machine would work in the rain.
D) The scientist asked whether the time machine will work in the rain.

4. Reconstruct the confused farmer's police statement about his encounter with polite extraterrestrials. Select the correct grammar for each blank.

"The spaceship landed, and the green leader stepped out. He asked me where _____. After I pointed to the field, they instructed me _____ them the barn."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) were the cows
B) the cows were
C) are the cows

Blank 2

A) to show
B) showed
C) that I show

5. Reconstruct the text message Sarah sent her best friend about her incredibly awkward first date. Drag the correct clauses to complete the story.

You won't believe this date! First, he actually asked me _____ his collection of taxidermy toads. Then, when the bill arrived, he wanted to know _____ pay for his meal!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** if I liked
- **B)** did I like
- **C)** do I like

Blank 2

- **A)** whether I would
- **B)** whether would I
- **C)** if will I

6. Complete the employee's warning message about the new workplace rules. Choose the correct phrase to fill in the blank.

The boss explicitly warned us _____ the office fern espresso, no matter how droopy it looks.

Select one.

- **A)** don't feed
- **B)** to don't feed
- **C)** we not feed
- **D)** not to feed

7. Complete the food critic's notes about the head chef's dramatic kitchen meltdown. Choose the correct phrase for each gap.

During the dinner rush, the head chef explicitly ordered the trainee _____ the risotto. Seconds later, he turned around and asked the sous-chef _____ him the truffle oil immediately.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** don't touch
- **B)** not to touch
- **C)** not touching

Blank 2

- **A)** to bring
- **B)** bring
- **C)** bringing

8. Help the detective finish his official report about the great bakery heist by dragging the correct phrases into the blanks.

During the interrogation, I asked the suspect where _____ the stolen pastry. He refused to answer, so I then inquired why _____ so profusely if he was truly innocent.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** he had hidden
- **B)** had he hidden
- **C)** did he hide

Blank 2

- **A)** he was sweating
- **B)** was he sweating
- **C)** is he sweating

9. The head chef is having a complete meltdown during the dinner rush! Choose ALL the sentences that correctly report his frantic commands and requests to the kitchen staff.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Chef Gordon ordered us to stop burning the risotto.
- **B)** He begged the pastry chef not to drop the wedding cake.
- **C)** He told to the sous-chef to chop the onions faster.
- **D)** He commanded us that we don't serve the raw chicken.
- **E)** He instructed the new guy to wash the dishes immediately.

10. Complete the stressed-out movie director's diary entry about today's disastrous filming session by dragging the correct options into the gaps.

I explicitly told the lead actor _____ on the red X painted on the floor. I also begged the background extras _____ directly into the camera, but they did it anyway!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to stand
- **B)** stand
- **C)** standing

Blank 2

- **A)** not to look
- **B)** didn't look
- **C)** don't look

11. You're debriefing your friend about the most bizarre job interview of your life. Select ALL the sentences that correctly report the interviewer's Wh- questions.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The manager asked why I was wearing a pirate hat.
- **B)** She inquired where I had hidden the company's mascot.
- **C)** The HR director asked when would I be available to start.
- **D)** The CEO wanted to know how did I tame the office raccoons.

12. Help the accused roommate recount the morning's interrogation to a friend. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

Select one.

- **A)** She asked me where did I hide her favorite mug.
- **B)** She asked me where I had hidden her favorite mug.
- **C)** She asked me where had I hidden her favorite mug.
- **D)** She asked me where do I hide her favorite mug.