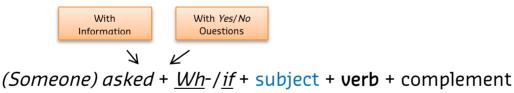
## **Reported Questions**

When we report in the present a question emitted in the past, we can use quotation marks ("...") in order to respect its original idea or message, but another way to do it is by using Reported Questions.

Read the questions asked by the reporter in the picture below.



Here are the same the questions above but now as Reported questions.



The reporter asked how her family was.

*The reporter asked* <u>if</u> **she would** visit Mexico again.

-Notice that in each case the question itself disappears.

-Observe that we introduce the idea by adding the phrase *The reporter asked <u>how</u>...,* and *The reporter asked <u>if</u>...* 

-Notice that in Reported Questions, the pronoun(s), the original tense, and the possessive adjectives change, the same way as happened with Reported speech sentences:

- Present changes to Past
- *Can* changes to *Could*
- *Will* changes to *Would*

-Notice the order of the elements conforming the sentences.

Here are more examples of Reported speech. Do not forget the following rules:

- Reported questions <u>begin</u> with starters like (*She*) asked wh-/if...
- Notice the change in **the tense** of the original sentence.
- Notice that the **Possessives** (*my, your, our, their, his, her, its*) have to be changed, too, in order to adapt the idea.

When the <u>original question (direct)</u> is expressed **in Present**, the <u>Reported question</u> is expressed **in Past**. For example:

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(Past)
Anna asked me <u>if I</u> was coming to the party.
o?" Roberto asked Cristina <u>where</u> she <b>was</b> staying in Mexico.
<i>Maria asked Patricia</i> <u>where</u> she worked. <i>She asked her</i> <u>if</u> she had brothers.

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When the original (direct) question is expressed with *can*, the Reported question is expressed with *could*. For example:

Alan: "Where **can |** buy milk?" "**Do** you **like** chocolate, Paco?"

*Alan asked* <u>where</u> he could buy milk. *He asked Paco* <u>if</u> he liked chocolate.

When the original question is expressed with *will*, the Reported question is expressed with *would*. For example:

Fabrizzio: "Will you stay in Veracruz for a week, Bob?" *Fabrizzio asked Bob* <u>if</u> he **would** stay in Veracruz for a week.