1A word order in questions

Questions with do / does / did in present and past simple

Question word	Auxiliary	Subject	Infinitive (= verb)
	Do	you	live with your parents?
	Does	Jenny	like Chinese food?
Where	do	you	live?
What food	does	Jenny	like?

- In the present simple use the auxiliary verb do / does to make questions.
- In the past simple use the auxiliary verb did to make questions.
- In these questions the subject goes after the auxiliary verb.
- · Remember ASI (auxiliary, subject, infinitive) or QUASI (question word, auxiliary, subject, infinitive) to help you with word order in present or past simple questions.

Questions with be, present continuous, and going to

Question word	be	Subject	(adjective, noun, verb + ing, etc.)
	Is	Ana	a student?
What	are	they	doing?
Where	are is	you he	talking about? going to live?

· In questions with be, make questions by inverting the verb and the subject.

A If a verb is followed by a preposition (listen to, talk about), the preposition goes at the end of the question. What are you talking about? NOT About what are you talking.

1B present simple

	I / you / we / they	he / she / it
+	I usually work at home. They don't live near here.	Danny knows me very well. It doesn't often rain here.
? • x	Do you smoke? Yes, I do. / No, I don't.	Does Nina like music? Yes, she does. No she doesn't.

- · Use the present simple for things you do every day, week, year, or which are always true.
- Remember the spelling rules for 3rd person singular s: work>works add s study>studies consonant + y: y and add ies finish>finishes sh, s, ch, x: add es go>goes do>does have>has
- Remember the word order in questions (ASI and QUASI see 1A above).

adverbs and expressions of frequency

- · We often use the present simple with adverbs of frequency (always, often, sometimes, usually hardly ever, never).
- Adverbs of frequency go before the main verb but after be.
 - He often goes out. NOT He goes often out. She's always late. NOT She's late always.
- Expressions of frequency (every day, once a week, etc.) usually go at the end of a sentence. I have English classes twice a week.

10 present continuous: be + verb + ing

MARKET SELL	I	you / we / they	he / she / it
+	I'm working	You We 're working	He She 's working
Ξ	I'm not working	They	It He
? V X	Are you work Is he work	ing? Yes, I am. ing? Yes, he is.	No, I'm not. No, he isn't.

· Use the present continuous for things happening now, at this moment.

My brother is working in Germany.

A What are you doing?

B I'm sending a text message to Sarah.

 Remember the spelling rules for the -ing form. cook>cooking study>studying live >living run >running

A Some verbs are not normally used in the present continuous, for example like, want, have (= possess), need. I need to talk to you now. NOT I'm needing to talk to you now.

1D defining relative clauses with who, which, where

A cook is a person who works in a restaurant. A clock is a thing which tells the time. A post office is a place where you can buy stamps.

- You can use that instead of who or which. She's the girl who / that works with my brother. It's a thing which / that connects two computers.
- Use relative clauses to explain what a place, thing, or person is or does. That's the woman who won the lottery last year. This is the restaurant where we had dinner last week.
- · Use who for a person, which for a thing, and where for a place.

2A past simple regular and irregular

	<u>+</u>			
I You He She It We They	stayed in went on h		didn't didn't	stay in a hotel. go on holiday.
V X ?	Did you Did you	stay in a		Yes I did. No, I didn't.

- · Use the past simple to talk about finished actions in the past.
- The past simple is the same for all persons.
- Use the infinitive after Did...? and didn't for negatives and questions.

infinitive	past
work	worked
stay	stayed
like	liked (just add d if verb finishes in e)
study	studied (y>i after a consonant)
stop	stopped (if verb finishes in
T	consonant–vowel–consonant, double the final consonant)

- To make the past simple + of regular verbs add -ed.
 Remember the spelling rules.
- Many common verbs are irregular in + past simple, for example go>went. See the Irregular verb list on p.155.

2B past continuous: was / were + verb + ing

+	I He was working She It	You We were working They
	I He wasn't working She It	You We weren't working They
? V X	Was he working? Y Were they working? Y	es, he was. No, he wasn't. es, they were. No, they weren't.

past simple or past continuous?

When I took the photo, they were writing a song. I was sitting at home when I saw the news on TV.

- Use the past simple for a completed action.
 I took the photo. / I saw the news.
- Use the past continuous for an action in progress.
 They were writing a song. / I was sitting at home.

Use the past continuous to describe an action in progress at a specific moment in the past.
 At six o'clock last night I was driving home.
 On April 1st I was staying with some friends in the country.

2C questions with and without auxiliaries

Questions with an auxiliary

Question	Auxiliary	Subject	Infinitive
What music	do	you	like?
Which CD	did	he	buy?
Who	did	you	go with?

- To make questions in the past and present simple, we normally use the auxiliary verbs do / does / did + the infinitive.
 - What music do you like? NOT What music you like?
- The normal order for questions in the present and past is QUASI (See p.126 1A).

Questions without an auxiliary

Subject	Verb	
What Which country Who		after the concert? the Eurovision Song Contest? their songs?

When the question word (Who? What? Which? How many?)
is the <u>subject</u> of the verb in the question, we do <u>not</u> use an
auxiliary (do, does, did) and the verb is in the third person.
Who writes their songs? NOT Who does write their songs?

2D so, because, but, although

because and so

She was driving fast because she was in a hurry. (reason)
She was in a hurry so she was driving fast. (result)

Hannah spoke to the DJ because they didn't like the music. (reason)
They didn't like the music so Hannah spoke to the DJ. (result)

- Use because to express a reason.
- · Use so to express a result.

but and although

She tried to stop but she hit the man.

Although she tried to stop, she hit the man.

It was late but she couldn't sleep.

She couldn't sleep although it was late.

- Use but and although to show a contrast.
- Although can go at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence.

going to 3A

- + I'm going to work in a restaurant. She's going to meet me at the airport. We aren't going to stay very long. He isn't going to like the weather there. ? Are you going to find a job? When is your brother going to visit you?
- Use (be) going to + infinitive to talk about future plans and predictions. I'm going to work in the UK for six weeks. (plan) I think it's going to rain this afternoon. (prediction)
- When you use going to go, you can omit to go. I'm going to go to university next year or I'm going to go to university next year.

present continuous for future arrangements

- + I'm seeing some friends tonight. We're having dinner at their house tomorrow. She isn't leaving until Friday. -They aren't coming to the party. What are you doing this evening? ? Is she meeting us at the cinema?
- · You can also use the present continuous for future arrangements which we have planned for a fixed time or place.
- Don't use the present simple for this. NOT I see some friends tonight.
- The present continuous is especially common with the expressions tonight, tomorrow, this weekend, etc. and with these verbs: go, come, meet, see, leave, and arrive.

3B will, won't + infinitive (predictions)

I	I
You	You
He	He
She 'll be late.	She won't be late.
It	It
We	We
They	They

- Use will / won't + infinitive for future predictions. (You can also use going to. See 3A above.)
- The future of there is | are = there will be; the future of I can = I'll be able to NOT I'll can.

?		V	X	
I you he Will she it we they	be late?	I you he es, she will. it we they	I you he No, she it we they	won't.

· We often use I think / I don't think ...+ will ... I think he'll fail the exam. I don't think he'll pass the exam. NOT I think he won't pass.

A Sometimes in + sentences with I and we, people use shall (not will), but this is very formal (for example, in a business letter). I shall write to you when I have studied your case.

3C will (promises, offers, and decisions)

Decisions	I won't have the fish, I'll have the steak. We'll take the 6.30 train.
Offers	I'll help you with your homework. Shall I open the window?
Promises	I'll always love you. I won't tell anyone.

- Use will / won't + infinitive for making decisions, offering, and promising. I'll help you with those bags. NOT I help you.
- · Use Shall I ...? or Shall we ...? when an offer is a question. Shall I pay? Shall we call you tonight at 7.00?

3D review of tenses: present, past, and future

Tense	Example	Use
present simple	I live in the city centre. She doesn't smoke.	Things that happen always or usually.
present continuous	He's looking for a new job. I'm leaving tomorrow.	Things that are happening now or in the near future.
past simple	We saw a good film last night. We didn't do anything yesterday.	Finished actions in the past.
past continuous	He was working in Paris. What were you doing at 7.00?	Actions that were in progress at a past time.
going to + infinitive	I'm going to see Tom tonight. It's going to rain.	Future plans and predictions.
will / won't + infinitive	You'll love New York. I'll phone her later. I'll help you. I'll pay you back tomorrow.	Predictions, instant decisions, offers, and promises.

4A present perfect (experience) + ever, never

I've (I have) You've (You have) He's (He has) been to She's (She has) London. It's (It has) We've (We have) They've (They have)

I haven't You haven't He hasn't worked in She hasn't a bank. It hasn't We haven't They haven't

Have you worked in a bank? Has he been to London?

Yes, I have. No, I haven't. Yes, he has. No, he hasn't.

- Use the present perfect to talk about past experiences when you don't say exactly when they happened. I've been to London. NOT I've been to London last year. My brother has worked abroad.
- · For regular verbs the past participle is the same as the past simple (+ed). For Irregular verbs see p.155.
- · We often use the present perfect with ever (= in your life until now) and never.

Have you ever been to London? No, I've never been there.

Compare the present perfect of go and be. He's gone to Paris. = He's in Paris now. He's been to Paris. = He went to Paris and came back.

present perfect or past simple?

A Have you ever been to Mexico? B Yes, I have.

A When did you go there?

B I went last year.

- Conversations often begin in the present perfect (with a general question) and then change to the past simple (with questions asking for specific details, when, where, who with, etc.)
- Use the past simple to ask / say exactly when something happened.

4B present perfect + yet, just, already yet

- A Have you finished your homework yet?
- No, not yet. I haven't finished yet.
- Use yet + the present perfect in + and ? sentences to ask if something that you think is going to happen has happened.
- Put yet at the end of the sentence.

just

- A Would you like a coffee?
- No thanks. I've just had one.

My sister's just started a new job.

- Use *just* in + sentences to say that something happened very recently.
- Put *just* before the main verb.

already

- A Do you want to see this film?
- No, I've already seen it three times.
- Shall I buy a newspaper?
- B No, I've already bought one.
- Use already in + sentences to say that something happened before now or earlier than expected.
- Put already before the main verb.

4C comparative adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	
short	shorter	one syllable: + er
big	bigger	one vowel + one consonant: double final consonant
busy	busier	consonant + y: y + ier
relaxed	more relaxed	two or more syllables: more + adjective
good bad far	better worse further	Irregular

comparative adverbs

Adjective	Comparative	Adjective	Comparative
Regular quickly slowly	more quickly less slowly	Irregular hard well badly	harder better worse

- Use comparative adjectives to compare people and things. My brother's taller than me.
- · Use comparative adverbs to compare actions. He drives more slowly than me.
- You can also use (not) as + (adjective / adverb) + as. I'm not as tall as my brother. He doesn't drive as fast as me.

4D superlatives (+ ever + present perfect)

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
cold	colder	the coldest
hot	hotter	the hottest
pretty	prettier	the prettiest
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
far	further	the furthest

- Use the + superlative adjectives to say which is the biggest, etc. in a group.
 - It's the highest mountain in Europe. She's the best in the class.
- · We often use a superlative with the present perfect. Russia is the coldest place we've ever been to. It's the most beautiful church I've ever seen.

5A uses of the infinitive (with *to*)

infinitive + to

I want **to go** to the party.

I need **to buy** some new clothes.

It'll be nice **to meet** some new people.

It's important **not to be** late.

- · Use to + the infinitive after:
 - some verbs (want, need, would like, etc.) See Verb Forms p. 154.
 - adjectives

It isn't easy to find a job. Nice to meet you.

The negative infinitive is not to + verb.
 Try not to be late tomorrow.

infinitive of purpose

A Why did you go to the party? B To meet new people.

I went to the party to meet new people.

Use to + the infinitive to say why you do something.
 I came to this school to learn English. NOT for learn English.

5B verb + -ing

Eating outside in the summer makes me feel good.

I love reading in bed.

I'm thinking of buying a new car.

- · Use verb + ing:
 - as the subject of a sentence
 Smoking is bad for you.
 after some verbs, (like, love, hate, enjoy, etc.) See Verb Forms p. 154.

I hate getting up early.

- after prepositions

 He left without saying goodbye.
- Remember the spelling rules for the -ing form (See p. 126 1C)

5C have to, don't have to, must, mustn't

have to, don't have to

- + She has to get up at 7.00 every day.
 You have to drive on the left in the UK.
- We don't have to wear a uniform at this school.
 He doesn't have to work on Saturdays.
- ? Do I have to buy a grammar book?

 Does she have to study tonight?

Don't contract have or has. I have to go. NOT I've to go.

- Use have to + infinitive to talk about rules and obligations, or to say something is necessary.
- Use don't have to + infinitive to say there is no obligation, or something is not necessary.
- Use do / does to make questions and negatives.
 Do I have to go? NOT Have I to go?

must / mustn't

- You must do your homework tonight.

 She must tidy her room before she goes out.
- You mustn't smoke in class.
 They mustn't leave their bags here.

Contraction: mustn't = must not

- Use must + infinitive to talk about rules and obligations.
 You must turn off your mobile phones before coming into class.
- must / mustn't are the same for all persons. It is not often used in questions (have to is more common).
- Use mustn't + infinitive to say something is prohibited.
 You mustn't smoke here.
- You can use mustn't or can't to talk about rules.
 You mustn't park here. You can't park here.

Must and have to are very similar, but there is a small difference. We normally use have to for a general obligation (a rule at work or a law). We normally use must when the speaker imposes the obligation (for example, a teacher to students or a parent to children). But often you can use either.

Mustn't and don't have to have completely different meanings.

Compare:

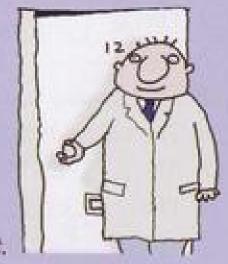
You mustn't go = You can't go. It's prohibited.

You don't have to go = You can go if you want, but it's not obligatory/necessary.

5D expressing movement: go, etc. + preposition

The man went up the steps and into the church. I ran over the bridge and across the park. He drove out of the garage and along the street.

- To express movement use a verb of movement, for example, go, come, run, walk, etc. and a preposition of movement (up, down, etc.)
- Be careful with in / into and out / out
 of. Use into / out of + noun, but if
 there isn't a noun just use in or out.
 Come into the living room. Come in.
 He went out of the house. He went out.



6A if + present, will + infinitive (first conditional)

If I miss the bus, I'll get a taxi. She won't be angry if you tell her the truth. What will you do if it rains?

- Use if + present, will + infinitive to talk about a possible future situation and its consequence.
- · The if clause can come first or second. I'll come if you like. OR If you like, I'll come.

A You can also use the imperative or can. If you miss the bus, get a taxi. If you miss the bus, you can get a taxi.

6B if + past, would + infinitive (second conditional)

If a bear attacked me, I'd run away. If I didn't have children, I wouldn't live in the country. Would you take the manager's job if they offered it to you?

- Use if + past, would + infinitive to talk about an improbable / impossible or hypothetical future situation and its consequence. If a bear attacked me, I'd run away. = I'm imagining this situation. It's very improbable.
- would / wouldn't is the same for all persons.
- · The contraction of would is 'd (I'd, you'd, he'd, etc.) and of would not is wouldn't.

- The if phrase can come first or second. If I saw, a bear I'd run. OR I'd run if I saw a bear.
- · Remember with can, use could + infinitive, not would can.

If I had a car, we could drive there.

A With the verb be you can use were (instead of was) after I and he / she / it. If he was / were here, he'd help you.

Use were (not was) in the expression If I were you... We often use this expression for advice.

First and second conditionals

Compare the first and second conditionals:

Use the first conditional for possible future situations.

If I have time tomorrow, I'll help you. (= maybe I will have time)

Use the second conditional for improbable / impossible or hypothetical situations.

If I had time tomorrow, I'd help you. (= I won't have time.)

6C may / might + infinitive (possibility)

We might have a picnic tomorrow, but it depends on the weather. I might not go to the party. I haven't decided yet.

I may go to the party, but I'm not sure.

I may not have time to do everything today.

Might not and may not aren't usually contracted.

A You can also use May I... / May we... to ask for permission.

May I use your phone? (= can I use your phone).

- Use might / may and might not / may not +infinitive to talk about a future possibility. It might / may rain. = It's possible that it will rain.
- · Might / May (not) is the same for all persons, I might / may, he might / may, we might / may, etc.

6D should / shouldn't (advice)

I think you should change your job. The government should do more for old people.

- Use should / shouldn't + infinitive to give somebody advice or say what you think is the right thing to do. You should cut your hair. = I think it would be a good idea.
- · should / shouldn't + infinitive is the same for all persons.
- · You can also use ought to / ought not to instead of should / shouldn't. You ought to change your job.

7A present perfect + for and since

- A Where do you live now?
- A How long have you lived there?
- A Where do you work?
- A How long have you worked there?
- B In Manchester.
- B I've lived there since 1990.
- B In a primary school.
- B I've worked there for five years.
- Use the present perfect + for or since to talk about actions and states which started in the past and are still true now. I've lived in Manchester since 1990. = I came to live in Manchester in 1990 and I live in Manchester now.
- Use How long? to ask questions about the duration of an action or a state.

You can't use the present simple here. NOT How long do you live here? I live in Manchester since 1980.

- Use since with the beginning of a period of time, for example, since 1980, since last June, etc. I've been afraid of water since I was a child.
- Use for + a period of time, for example, for two weeks, for ten years, etc. I've had this car for three months.

7B present perfect or past simple (2)?

How long has Tarantino been a director? He's been a director since the 1980s. How many films has he made?

How long was Hitchcock a director?

How many films did he make?

He's made six films.

He was a director for 50 years.

He made 52 films.

Don't use since with the past simple. NOT He was Prime Minister since 1999. You have to use from...to. He was Prime Minister from 1999 to 2003.

- Use the present perfect + how long?, for, and since to talk about a period of time from the past until now. How long have you been married? I've been married for 10 years. (= I'm married now.)
- Use the past simple + how long? and for to talk about a finished period of time in the past. How long was he married? He was married for two years. (= He's not married now.)

7C used to / didn't use to

You You He He She She wear grasses. wear glasses. It We We They They

X Did did. use to wear glasses? didn't. we we we they they they

· Use used to / didn't use to + infinitive for things that happened repeatedly or over a long period of time in the past, but are usually not true now, for example for things which happened when you were a child.

I used to have long hair. I used to play in the street. I didn't use to have a TV. • You can also use the past simple here. I had long hair when I was a child.

used to only exists in the past. Don't use use to for present habits. Use the present simple + usually. I usually cook in the evenings. NOT I use to cook in the evenings.

7D passive: be + past participle

Present

Risotto is made with rice. These offices are cleaned every morning. It isn't made with pasta. They aren't cleaned on Saturdays. Is it made with meat? Are they cleaned on Sundays?

Past

+

The pyramids were built by the Egyptians.

Guernica was painted by Picasso.

It wasn't painted by Dali. They weren't built by the Greeks. When was it painted? Why were they built?

- You can often say things in two ways, in the active or in the passive. Picasso painted Guernica. (active) Guernica was painted by Picasso. (passive)
- In the active sentence, the focus is more on the person (e.g. Picasso).
- In the passive sentence the focus is more on the painting (e.g Guernica).
- · You can also use the passive when it's not known or not important who does or did the action.

My car was stolen last week. (I don't know who stole it.)

- Make the present passive with am / is / are + the past participle.
- Make the past passive with was / were + the past participle.
- Use by to say who did the action. The Lord of the Rings was written by Tolkien.

8A something, anything, nothing, etc.

	+	? and - verb	Short - answer
people	somebody someone	anybody anyone	nobody no one
things	something	anything	nothing
places	somewhere	anywhere	nowhere

- Use somebody, something, someone, etc. when you don't say exactly who, what, or where.
 Somebody broke the window.
 I went somewhere nice at the weekend.
- Use anything, anybody, anywhere in questions or with a verb.

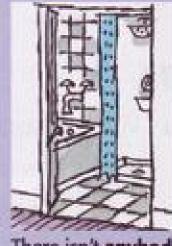
 I didn't do anything last night. NOT I didn't do nothing.



Somebody's in the bathroom.



Is **anybody** in the bathroom?



There isn't anybody in the bathroom.

- Use nobody, nothing, nowhere in short

 answers or in a sentence (with a + verb).
 Who's in the bathroom?
 Nobody. Nobody's in the bathroom.
 NOT Anybody is in the bathroom.
- · Somebody, Nobody, etc. are the same as Someone, No one, etc.

8B quantifiers

too, too much, too many

I'm stressed. I have **too much** work. My diet is unhealthy. I eat **too many** cakes and sweets. I don't want to go out. I'm **too** tired.

- · Use too, too much, too many to say 'more than is good'.
- Use too + an adjective NOT I'm too much tired.
- Use too much + uncountable nouns (e.g. coffee, time).
- Use too many + countable nouns (e.g. cakes, people).

enough

Do you eat **enough** vegetables? I don't drink **enough** water. This dress isn't big **enough**.

- Use enough before a noun to mean 'all that is necessary'.
- · Use enough after an adjective.

a little, a few

A Do you take sugar?
 A Do want some chips?
 I eat a little meat.
 I drink very little coffee.

B Yes, Just a little.
B Yes, but just a few.
Can you buy a few bananas?
He has very few friends.

- Use a little / very little and a few / very few to talk about small quantities.
- · Use a little / very little with uncountable nouns and a few / very few with countable nouns.

8C word order of phrasal verbs

Every morning I get up at 8.00. Then I turn on the radio. I always have to look for my glasses.

- A phrasal verb = verb + particle (preposition or adverb) get up, turn on, look for.
 - 1 Some phrasal verbs don't have an object.

 Come in and sit down.

 What time do you get up?
 - 2 Some phrasal verbs have an object and are separable. Put on your coat. Turn off the TV.
- With these verbs you can put the particle (on, off, etc.) before or after the object.
 Put on your coat OR Put your coat on.
 Turn off the TV OR Turn the TV off.
- When the object is a pronoun (me, it, him, etc.) it always goes between the verb and particle.

Here's your coat. Put it on. NOT Put on it.

I don't want to watch TV. Turn it off. NOT Turn off it.

3 Some phrasal verbs have an object and are inseparable.

I'm looking for my keys.
I'm looking for them.

With these phrasal verbs, the verb (look) and the particle (for) are never separated. I looked after my little sister. NOT I looked my little sister after.

I looked after her. NOT Hooked her after.

8D so, neither + auxiliaries

- A I love football.
- B So do I.
- A I went to university.
- B So did I.
- A I'm not married.
- B Neither am I.
- A I don't smoke.
- B Neither do I.
- Use So do I / Neither do I, etc. to say that you have something in common with somebody.
- Use So + auxiliary + I with positive sentences.
 A I'm happy. B So am I. NOT So I am.
- Use Neither + auxiliary + I with negative sentences.
 A I'm not hungry. B Neither am I.
 NOT Neither I am.
- The auxiliary you use depends on the tense.

I love football. So do I.

I didn't like the film. Neither did I.

I can swim. So can I.

I can swim. So can I.

I wasn't very tired. Neither was I.

I've been to Spain. So have I.

I wouldn't like to go there. Neither would I.

9A past perfect

+	
I	I me nav
You	You
He	He
She 'd seen the film before.	She hadn't seen the film before.
It	It
We	We
They	They
contractions: I'd = I had	I hadn't = I had not

?	V	X
Had he seen it before? we they	Yes, he had. we they	No he hadn't. we they



Suddenly he remembered that he had seen the film before.

 Use the past perfect when you are already talking about the past, and want to talk about an earlier past action.
 When I woke up the garden was all white.
 It had snowed in the night.

I arrived at the coffee bar twenty minutes late and my friends had already gone.

- Make the past perfect with had / hadn't + the past participle.
- · The past perfect is the same for all persons.

A Be careful: I'd can be I had or I would.

9B reported (or indirect) speech

reported sentences

Direct speech	Reported speech
'I love you.'	He said (that) he loved her.
'I want to see you again.'	He told her (that) he wanted to see her again.

· Use reported speech to say what another person said.

I love you. He said (that) he loved her.

· Other tenses change like this:

Direct speech	Reported speech
'I can help you.'	He said (that) he could help me.
'I'll phone you.'	He told me (that) he would phone me.
'I met a girl.'	He told me (that) he had met a girl.
'I've broken my leg.'	He said (that) he had broken his leg.

- · that is optional after say and tell.
- Pronouns also change in reported speech, for example I changes to he / she, etc.

I'm coming. She told me that she was coming.

- A You can use said or told in reported speech but they are used differently.
 - You can't use said with an object or pronoun
 NOT He said her he loved her
 - You must use told with an object,
 He told her that he loved her NOT he told that...

reported questions

Direct speech	Reported speech
'Do you want to dance?'	He asked her if she wanted to dance.
'Where do you live?'	He asked her where she lived.

- In reported questions:
 - the tenses change in exactly the same way as in sentences, eg present to past, etc.
 - we don't use do / did.

What do you want?

He asked me what I wanted.

NOT He asked me what did I want.

- if the question begins with do, can, etc. add if.

Do you like the music?

He asked her if she liked the music.

Can you sing?

She asked him if he could sing.

the word order is subject + verb.

Are you a student?

He asked her if she was a student.

Have you seen the film?

She asked him if he had seen the film.