

question word order

**REPORTING QUESTIONS**

**Yes/No Questions**

Teacher: "Do you want extra homework?"

The teacher asked me **if I wanted** extra homework.

if/whether s + v

**Wh - Questions**

Teacher: "Where are you going?"

The teacher asked (me) **where I was going**.

wh-question word + s + v

statement word order

Teacher: "Where is your homework?"

The teacher asked (me) where my homework was

wh                      s                      v

Teacher: "Where **do** you live?"

The teacher asked me **where I lived**.

wh + s + v

omit do / does / did

Teacher: "What do you want?"

The teacher asked (me) what I wanted.

wh + s + v

**HOWEVER...**

We don't change the word order when a wh-word is the **subject** of the question.

Compare: "Where are the keys?" -- I asked **where the keys were**.

wh      s      v

statement word order

but

"**Who** has the keys?" -- I asked **who had the keys**.

subject

wh      v      s

question word order

"**What** caused the accident?" -- I asked **what had caused the accident**.

subject

wh                      v                      s