In reporting a question, the indirect speech is introduced by verbs such as \textit{asked, inquired} etc.

When the question is not introduced by an interrogative word, the reporting verb is followed by \textit{if} or \textit{whether}.

Direct speech: He said to me, ‘Where are you going?’
Indirect speech: He \textit{asked} me \textit{where I was going}. (NOT He asked me where was I going.)

Direct speech: The policeman said, ‘What are you doing?’
Indirect speech: The policeman \textit{asked what I was doing}. (NOT The policeman asked what are you doing.)

Direct speech: ‘Where do you live?’ said the stranger.
Indirect speech: The stranger \textit{asked where I lived}.

Direct speech: He said, ‘Will you help me?’
Indirect: He asked me \textit{if I would help him}.

Direct speech: ‘Do you think you know better than your father?’ jeered the angry mother.
Indirect speech: His angry mother jeered and asked him \textit{whether he thought he knew better than his father}.

\textbf{Reporting commands and requests}

When a command or request is reported, the indirect speech is introduced by a verb expressing command or request. We also change the imperative mood into the infinitive.

Direct speech: John said to Peter, ‘Go away.’
Indirect speech: John \textit{ordered} Peter \textit{to go away}.

Direct speech: He said to me, ‘Please wait here till I return.’
Indirect speech: He \textit{requested} me \textit{to wait there till he returned}.

Direct speech: ‘Call the first witness,’ said the judge.
Indirect speech: The judge \textit{ordered} them \textit{to call the first witness}.

Direct speech: He said, ‘Be quiet.’
Indirect speech: He \textit{urged} them \textit{to be quiet}.