



# SMART JUNIORS 2

**Full Smartphone Access:  
Is it Harmful or Helpful to the Youth?**

**Lesson 36**  
**Grammar Station (2)**



# GRAMMAR LEAD-IN

- Complete the following sentences based on what Ken said.



**This is  
amazing!**

Ken said...

Ken told me...

## Said vs Told

“Said” and “told” are often used when making an indirect speech.

### said

- ✓ He **said** (that) they would win.
- ✓ He **said to me** (that) they would win.
- ✗ He **said me** (that) they would win.

### told

- ✗ He **told** (that) they would win.
- ✗ He **told to me** (that) they would win.
- ✓ He **told me** (that) they would win.

 **Have a try!** Complete the paragraph below.

She \_\_\_\_\_ her friends she got into her dream school.  
They all \_\_\_\_\_ congrats, and her parents \_\_\_\_\_  
they were proud. It was a happy day.



## Wh-questions in an Indirect Speech

Who

When

What

Why

Where

Which

How

### Q-word question

### reporting verb + Q-word + statement

Where will you play? → Tim asked Joe **where he would play.**

✗ where would he play

How's your knee? → Tim asked Joe **how his knee was.**

✗ how was his knee



 **Have a try!** Tick the correct answer.

1. "What do you do in the evening?"

- I asked you what you do in the evening.
- I asked you what you did in the evening.

2. "Why are you laughing so much?"

- The teacher asked me why I was laughing so much.
- The teacher asked me why I am laughing so much.

## Yes/No Questions in an Indirect Speech

### Q-word question

Are you happy?

→ Tim asked Joe **if/ whether** he was happy.

✗ if/ whether was he happy

Does your mother cook?

→ Tim asked Joe **if/ whether**she cooked.

✗ if/ whether did she cook

! We sometimes use different verbs like **wondered** and **wanted to know** instead of **asked**:

Will they win?

→ I **wondered** if/ whether they would win.



 **Have a try!** Complete the following sentences.

1. "Do you enjoy using your smartphone?" → Mike asked Jenny \_\_\_\_\_

2. "Are you into sports?" → Nam asked David \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Will it rain tomorrow morning?" → He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

■ **Underline the correct word.**

1. She (**said/ told**) he was feeling unwell.
2. He (**said/ told**) his friend about the party.
3. They (**said/ told**) the news to their family.
4. Mary (**said/told**) she would be late.
5. I (**said/told**) the students to study for the exam.



# PRACTICE TIME

- **Mary was at the office and asked a lot of questions. Write them into indirect speech.**

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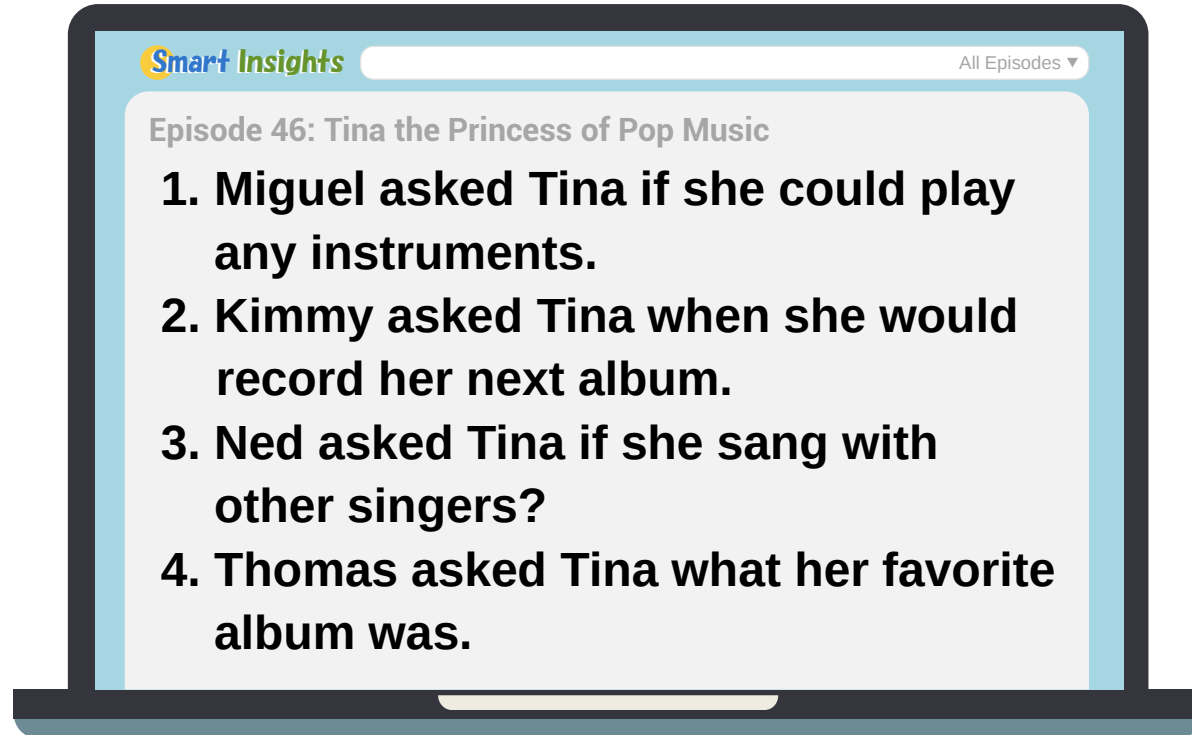
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# PRACTICE TIME

- On a TV program, the audience asks a singer named Tina some questions. Here is the report on the program website. Write the questions of the audience.



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Episode 46: Tina the Princess of Pop Music

1. Miguel asked Tina if she could play any instruments.
2. Kimmy asked Tina when she would record her next album.
3. Ned asked Tina if she sang with other singers?
4. Thomas asked Tina what her favorite album was.

*Ask me anything about music!*



Miguel: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Kimmy: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Ned: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Thomas: \_\_\_\_\_ ?



## No Change of Tense

**!** We don't change the tense in indirect speech when the sentence is a:

### General Truth

She said that water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.

### Historical Event

She said that the Titanic sank in 1912.

### Future Plan

They said they are traveling to Paris next week.

### Have a try!

**Identify whether the sentence is a general truth, historical event or future plan.**

1. She said that the Earth orbits the Sun.
2. They said that World War II ended in 1945.
3. He told me that the Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years ago.
4. I told them that I will be attending a concert the following Friday.
5. Ryan said that plants need sunlight for photosynthesis.

- Listen to the audio and write the indirect speech in the box.



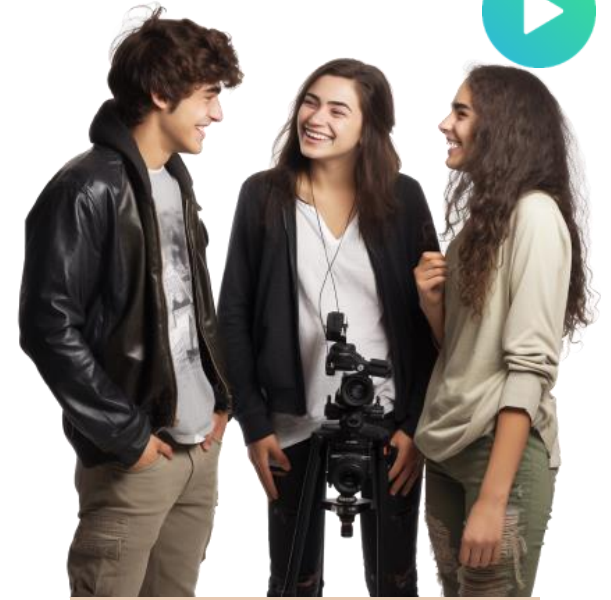
The teacher...



She asked...



He asked...



He told...



## Said vs Told

- 01 He **said** (that) they could win.
- 02 He **said to me** (that) they could win.
- 03 He **told me** (that) they could win.

**!** We do not change the tense into its past form when the sentence is a general truth, historical event, and future plan.

## Wh- questions

Where will you play?

He asked John **where he would play**.  
✗ where would he play

## Yes/No questions

Are you sad?

He asked John **if/ whether he was sad**.  
✗ if/ whether was he sad

**!** We sometimes use **different verbs** instead of **asked**.



# WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to start a new unit. See you next time!