

8A Reported speech

a Complete the reported speech with the correct verb form. Change the tense where possible.

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| 1 It's going to be a lovely day. | He said it <u>was going to be</u> a lovely day. |
| 2 I don't want to go out this evening. | She told me she _____ that evening. |
| 3 We're waiting for you. | They said they _____ for us. |
| 4 My sister can't drive. | She said her sister _____. |
| 5 I've lost my car keys. | She told me she _____ her car keys. |
| 6 Lucy might have a new job. | He said Lucy _____ a new job. |
| 7 I'll help you with those bags. | He said he _____ with my bags. |
| 8 Mark bought a new car. | You told me that Mark _____ a new car. |

b Read Harry's conversation with Andy. Then choose the best word or phrase to complete Andy's conversation with Harry's sister, Lucy.

HARRY Hi. I'm trying to buy a present for my sister, Lucy. It's her birthday tomorrow.
ANDY What sort of books does she like?
HARRY I'm not sure. She reads a lot of history books.
ANDY This is really good, *A Short History of the World*. I read it a few months ago.
HARRY No, I think she's already read that. She didn't like it. No, I'm going to get her this one, *A History of Amazing Buildings*.

Two days later, Andy sees Lucy in the street ...

ANDY Hi Lucy. I met your brother a few days ago – he said it was ¹*my / your / her* birthday
²*tomorrow / the previous day / yesterday*.
LUCY Yes, that's right. Where did you meet him?
ANDY In the bookshop. When I asked him what he was doing ³*here / there / near*, he said
⁴*he was / he's / I'm* looking for a present for ⁵*me / you / her*.
LUCY Really?
ANDY Yes. I asked him what books ⁶*you liked / do you like / does she like*, and he said he
wasn't sure. He said ⁷*she reads / you read / I read* history books. So I showed him
A Short History of the World – I said it was really good. I told him ⁸*you've / I've / I'd* read it
a few months ⁹*earlier / ago / later*. But he said ¹⁰*you'd / she's / I'd* already read it,
and you hadn't liked it.
LUCY What? I thought it was brilliant!
ANDY Yeah. Anyway, he said ¹¹*I'm / he's / he was* going to get *A History of Amazing Buildings*.
LUCY Yes – and he did. It's really cool.
ANDY Great – I knew ¹²*you'd love it / she'll love that / you'll love that*.