

GRAMMAR

reported speech

4A Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 Hana said she **hadn't** / **didn't** speak English well.
- 2 He asked me **if I knew** / **did I know** how to use the computer programme.
- 3 Charlie told us that he had been to Mexico **the year before** / **last year**.
- 4 She promised me that she would call me **tomorrow** / **the following day**, but she didn't.
- 5 Katrin asked me if **I was** / **was I** studying engineering at university.
- 6 She told me that they **had** / **has** known each other since they were students.
- 7 Josue admitted that he hadn't been paying attention at the meeting **yesterday** / **the day before**.
- 8 I told them that I **can** / **could** take them to the airport.

B The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- 1 Adoma told me yesterday that she isn't finished reading the report yet.
a didn't finish **b** hadn't finished **c** doesn't finish
- 2 I asked him to help but he said that he can't at that moment.
a couldn't **b** won't be able to **c** won't
- 3 Rick said he be at work until 7 o'clock.
a he's been **b** he's being **c** he'd be
- 4 They asked us when we get married.
a did we get **b** we got **c** had we got

C Complete the reported speech.

- 1 'Have you met Fatima before?'
Caroline asked me before.
- 2 'There will be twenty people at the meeting this afternoon.'
He confirmed that afternoon.
- 3 'The weather was terrible yesterday.'
Ty complained that the day before.
- 4 'I'm going to Brazil next month.'
Sophie told us the following month.
- 5 'We were planning to go to the cinema last night.'
They said that to the cinema the night before.
- 6 'What time is the last train?'
Emre asked me