6.2 Grammar

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Present Simple → Past Simple
'I have a headache.' He said (that) he had a headache.

Present Continuous → Past Continuous
'I'm getting better.' → She said (that) she was getting better.

Past Simple → Past Perfect
'I left home at six.' → He said (that) he had left home at six.

will* → *would
'My mum will do it.' → He said (that) his mum would do it.

can* → *could
'I can't see anything.' → She said (that) she couldn't see anything.

Questions
'What time is it?' → He asked what time it was.
'Do you know Dr Lee?' → She asked me if/whether I knew Dr Lee.

Changing pronouns, time phrases and place adverbials
now → then here → there
this month → that month
yesterday → the previous day/the day before
tomorrow → the next/following day
'My dad was here yesterday.' → He said (that) his dad had been there the day before.

1 ● Match direct statements and questions 1–5 with reported speech a–e.

1 [c] 'I'm having a check-up.'
2 [ ] 'Are you having a check-up?'
3 [ ] 'I'll have a check-up.'
4 [ ] 'I had a check-up.'
5 [ ] 'What time is your check-up?'

a She told me she would have a check-up.
b She asked me what time my check-up was.
c ~~She said she was having a check-up.~~
d She asked me if I was having a check-up.
e She said she'd had a check-up.

2 ● Choose the correct option.

1 My dad asked me what time *was my appointment / (my appointment was.)*
2 She said she had seen the doctor *the day before / yesterday.*
3 Charles asked me if *I had got / had I got* the results of my blood test yet.
4 After the injury, Linda said she *can't / couldn't* feel her arm.

3 ●● Rewrite the statements and questions in reported speech.

Who do you think will win the World Cup?
1 She asked us *who we thought would win the World Cup.*
I want to be a scientist.
2 He said _____.
I went to the doctor yesterday.
3 She said _____.
What can we do to help Liam pass his exams?
4 He asked us _____.
I'm having a party this weekend.
5 She told us _____.
Do you study Biology at school?
6 He asked me _____.

4 ●●● Choose the correct answer.

The other day, my sister Charis and her husband told me some excellent news. They said they [1]___ a baby, and that I [2]___ an uncle! They said they [3]___ out the week before, but wanted to be sure everything was OK before they told me. The doctor said he [4]___ worried at first because my sister [5]___ ill recently, but he checked carefully and the baby is healthy. They asked me [6]___ any ideas about her name. I told them I [7]___ to call her Carla because my name's Carl. Unfortunately, they said they [8]___ that idea!

1	a had	b had had	(c) were having
2	a are soon	b was soon	c would soon be
3	a would find	b had found	c were finding
4	a had been	b will be	c would be
5	a is	b will be	c had been
6	a if I had	b did I have	c if I was having
7	a will want	b would want	c had wanted
8	a didn't like	b weren't liking	c hadn't liked

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