

GRAMMAR

Reported statements and questions

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 ☒ '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!

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| 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 |