What did the people say? Rewrite the reported speech as direct speech.

1 She said that she wasn't going out.
'I'm not going out.'
2 He said that he wanted to go to bed.
_____
3 They said they were arriving at six o'clock.
_____
4 She said that she didn't like cheese.
_____
5 He said he had been to Italy in 2009.
_____
6 She said that she was reading a good book.
_____
7 They said they had received a lot of good advice.
_____
8 He said that he wasn't going to do the washing-up.
_____

Direct speech		Reported speech
present simple	→	[1] past simple
present continuous	→	[2] past continuous
past simple	→	[3] past perfect

yesterday – the day before *tonight – that night*
today – that day *a week ago – a week earlier*
here – there *last Monday – the Monday before*
this month – that month *now – at that moment*

Rewrite the direct speech as reported speech. You may have to change pronouns and references to time or place.

1 'We arrested the culprits last Tuesday,' said the police inspector.
The police inspector said that they had arrested the culprits the Tuesday before.
2 'Somebody broke into our house last night,' said Mike.
_____
_____
3 'People sometimes sell drugs outside my school,' said Kate.
_____
_____
4 'We are going to study the CCTV footage today,' said the police officer.
_____
_____
5 'Jack stole a camera from a shop yesterday,' said Fred.
_____
_____
6 'The police are looking for the thief who stole my car,' said Sam.
_____
_____

Complete the reported speech.

1 'Somebody stole my wallet,' said James.
James said somebody had stolen his wallet.
2 'The suspect is at the police station,' said Alex.
Alex said that the suspect _____ at the police station.
3 'The police are appealing for witnesses,' said the reporter.
The reporter said the police _____ for witnesses.
4 'I'm going to search the house,' said the officer.
The officer said she _____ the house.
5 'The police launched an investigation into the muggings,' said George.
George said that the police _____ an investigation into the muggings.
6 'In London the police make hundreds of arrests every day,' said the TV announcer.
The TV announcer said the police _____ hundreds of arrests every day.
7 'I think arson is worse than burglary,' said Jane.
Jane said she _____ that arson _____ worse than burglary.

Read the police officer's radio report. Then rewrite it as reported speech below.

Police officer: The suspects are outside the bank ... They arrived two minutes ago ... They're getting out of their car ... I recognise one of them ... He robbed a bank in London four years ago ... They look nervous ... One of them is carrying a large black bag ... They are going into the bank ... I'm going to follow them.

1 The police officer said that the suspects were outside the bank.
2 She said _____
_____.
3 She said _____
_____.
4 She said _____
_____.
5 She said _____
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6 She said _____
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7 She said _____
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8 She said _____
_____.
9 She said _____
_____.

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