

2 Match these sentences in direct and reported speech. One of the reported speech sentences can go with more than one of the sentences in direct speech.

- 1 I write novels. f
- 2 I'm writing a novel.
- 3 I wrote a novel.
- 4 I've written a novel.
- 5 I'll write a novel.
- 6 I can write novels.
- 7 I may write a novel.
- 8 I have to write a novel.

- a She said she could write novels.
- ~~b She said she was writing a novel.~~
- c She said she had written a novel.
- d She said she'd write a novel.
- e She said she might write a novel.
- ~~f She said she wrote novels.~~
- g She said she had to write a novel.

3 Look at the examples in 2 and put the tenses and verbs in the correct places in the table.

could • had to • might • past continuous
past perfect • ~~past simple~~ • would

Direct speech	Reported speech
1 present simple ➤ 2 present continuous ➤ 3 past simple ➤ 4 present perfect ➤ 5 will ➤ 6 can ➤ 7 may ➤ 8 must/have to ➤	<i>past simple</i>

4 Complete the sentences with *said* or *told*. Which fictional character is 'he'?

- 1 He he sometimes wore glasses.
- 2 He me he had come to Earth from a different planet.
- 3 He us that he could fly.
- 4 He that he was working as a journalist.
- 5 He he didn't like kryptonite.
- 6 He that he had an 'S' on the front of his costume.

5 Rewrite the sentences in 4 as direct speech.

- 1 *I sometimes wear glasses.*

With **say** you do not need to use a personal object to say who you are saying something to.

He said (...) he had been there.

~~*He said John he had been there.*~~

With **tell** you must use a personal object to say who you are saying something to.

He told John he had been there.

~~*He told that he had been there.*~~