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What did these people say? Rewrite the reported versions of some quotations by famous people in direct speech.

- 1 Al Capone once complained that he had been accused of every death except the casualty list of the World War.  
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- 2 President Woodrow Wilson once remarked that he would never read a book if it were possible for him to talk for half an hour with the person who wrote it.  
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- 3 Pablo Picasso once claimed that age only mattered when one was ageing. He said that as he had arrived at a great age, he might just as well be twenty.  
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- 4 Jean-Paul Sartre once commented that the world could get along very well without literature and it could get along even better without man.  
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- 5 A spokesperson from UNESCO stated that since wars had begun in the minds of men, it was in the minds of men that the defence of peace had to be constructed.  
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- 6 Groucho Marx once asked a club to accept his resignation because he didn't want to belong to any club that would accept him as a member.  
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- 7 President John F Kennedy once told the American people to ask not what their country could do for them, but to ask what they could do for their country.  
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- 8 Albert Einstein once said that he knew why there were so many people who loved chopping wood. He explained that in that activity one immediately saw the results.  
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### Ex. 7: What did these people say?

(possible answers)

1. I've been accused of every ...
2. I would never read a book if it were possible for me to ...
3. Age only matters when one is ageing. Now that I have arrived at a great age, I might just as well be twenty.
4. The world could get along ...; it could get along even ...
5. Since wars began in the minds of men, it is in the minds of ... that the defence of peace must be ...
6. Please accept my resignation. I don't want to belong to ... that will accept me as ...
7. Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do ...
8. I know why there are so many people who love chopping .... In this activity one immed. sees the ...