Past, Present and Future Tense

Sentences all use three main verb tenses: past, present and future. For each of the following sentences, highlight the verb. On the line next to the sentence write whether the verb uses the past, present or future tense.

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10. She sang a beautiful song. ________________

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