

Mystery Stories

Narrative Tenses

A. Write the verbs in the Simple Past, Past Continuous or Past Perfect.

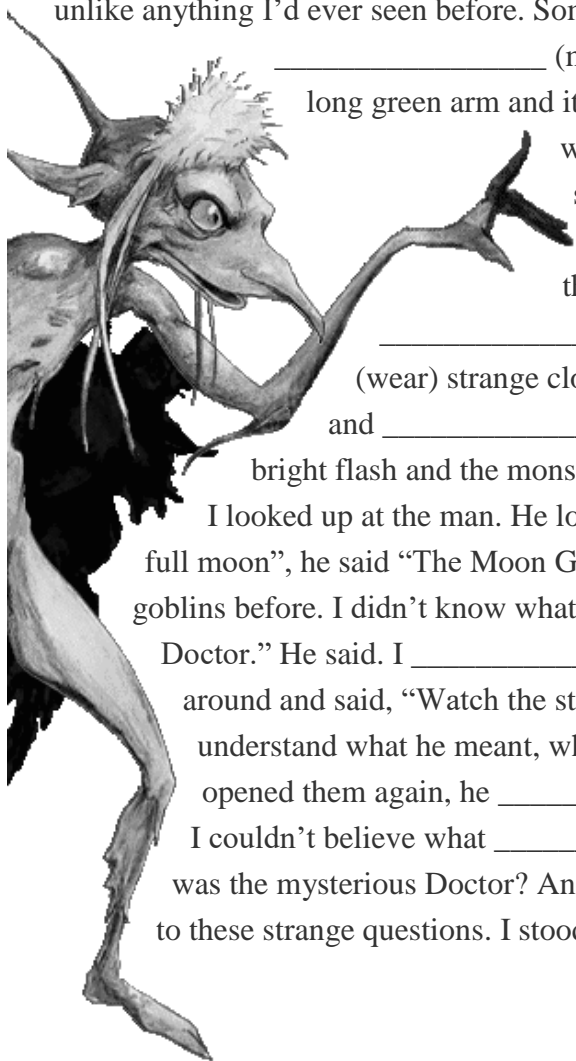
Last night I _____ (walk) home next to the river Thames, when something strange _____ (happen) to me. It was late at night and I _____ (have) a long and difficult day at work. There was a large full moon in the sky and everything was quiet. I was tired and lonely and I _____ (just have) a few pints of beer in my local pub, so I decided to stop by the riverside and look at the moon for a while.

I _____ (sit) on some steps very close to the water's edge and looked up at the big yellow moon. I felt very tired so I _____ (close) my eyes and after a few minutes, I _____ (fall) asleep. When I woke up, the moon _____ (move) behind a cloud and it was very dark and cold. The wind _____ (blow) and an owl _____ (hoot) in a tree above me. I rubbed my eyes and _____ (get up) when suddenly I _____ (hear) a splash. I

_____ (look) down at the water and saw something. Something terrible and frightening, and unlike anything I'd ever seen before. Something _____ (come) out of the water and _____ (move) towards me. Something green and strange and ugly. It was a long green arm and it _____ (stretch) out from the water to grab my leg. I was so scared that I couldn't move. I _____ (never be) so scared in my whole life. The cold green hand _____ (move) closer and closer when suddenly there was a blue flash and a strange noise from behind me. Someone _____ (jump) onto the stairs next to me. He _____ (wear) strange clothes and he had a crazy look in his eyes. He shouted "Get Back!" and _____ (point) something at the monster in the water. There was a bright flash and the monster hissed and disappeared.

I looked up at the man. He looked strange, but kind. "Don't fall asleep by the river when there's a full moon", he said "The Moon Goblins will get you." I _____ (never hear) of moon goblins before. I didn't know what to do. "Who... who are you?" I asked him. "You can call me... The Doctor." He said. I _____ (try) to think of something else to say when he turned around and said, "Watch the stars at night, and be careful of the full moon". I was trying to understand what he meant, when there was another blue flash and I closed my eyes. When I opened them again, he _____ (go).

I couldn't believe what _____ (happen). What on earth were Moon Goblins, and who was the mysterious Doctor? And why had he saved me? I was determined to find the answers to these strange questions. I stood up, looked at the moon and quickly walked home.



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Choose a prompt and write out a mystery story using the narrative tenses. (150 words)



1. Everyone avoided the big old mansion. It was believed to have...



2. They police had been unable to find the three friends...



3. As soon as I arrived, I could sense that something was out of place...



4. It was a strange night, there seemed to be a chill in the air...



5. One night, I looked out the window and I saw the neighbour...



6. They were fine until they decided to watch that video...



7. Something was drastically wrong! Every time I picked up the telephone...



8. I decided to go for an evening stroll. I walked about three blocks when I felt it...



9. I was reading a book when I looked up. There in the window I saw...



10. Sometimes I thought my friend had strange powers. Every time he was around...



11. All of the sudden I was trapped!