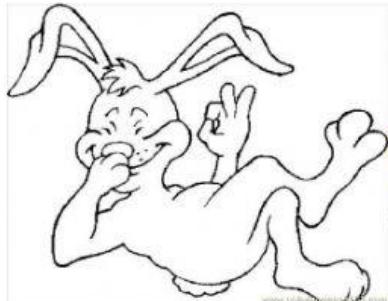


Rabbit Laughs

Let's read this short story and help me write the verbs in brackets in simple past.



Long ago, there **lived** (live) a rabbit. Rabbit _____ (have) a **field**. It was filled with **weeds**. Rabbit _____ (want) to plant food, so he _____ (have) to **get rid of** the weeds. But Rabbit _____ (be) lazy and she did not want to pull up the weeds.

Rabbit thought of a plan. She _____ (get) a rope. She _____ (walk) to one side of the field. There she found a hippo. "I **bet** I can pull harder than you!" Rabbit told Hippo. "Just hold one end. Wait until I start to pull."

Then Rabbit _____ (take) the other end of the rope. She walked to the other side of the field. There she found an elephant. "I bet I can pull harder than you!" Rabbit said. "Just hold this rope until I start to pull." Hippo and Elephant began to pull on each end. They _____ (pull) hard. The rope _____ (go) this way and that. It cut down the weeds. Soon the weeds were gone!

Rabbit hopped over to Hippo. "Thanks!" she said. Then she hopped back to Elephant. "Thanks!" she said. Elephant and Hippo _____ (ask), "But who is pulling the other end of the rope if you are hopping? How that Rabbit _____ (laugh).

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1. Where does this story take place? _____
_____.

2. What was Rabbit's problem? _____
_____.

3. Which word best describes Rabbit?
a) sad b) helpful c) angry d) tricky

Vocabulary:

Bet



Get rid of



Weeds



Field

