

THREE WISHES AND A WINDSURF BOARD



Complete this story with the right verb tense of the verb in brackets. Use the past tenses: Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous.

A Frenchman, and Italian and an American wanted to be the first people to windsurf across the Pacific. They ¹ _____ (set off) one morning in July. When they ² _____ (travel) for a month, the weather suddenly ³ _____ (change) dramatically. It ⁴ _____ (become) very windy and the waves ⁵ _____ (be) enormous. Unfortunately, one of the waves ⁶ _____ (break) their windsurf boards in two. Luckily, the three men ⁷ _____ (manage) to swim to a small island.

They ⁸ _____ (be) on the island for several weeks when one morning the Italian came back with a bottle that he ⁹ _____ (find) on the beach while he ¹⁰ _____ (jog).

When they ¹¹ _____ (open) it, there ¹² _____ (be) a big flash and a genie suddenly ¹³ _____ (appear).

"Thank you! Thank you!" said the genie. "I am free thanks to you!" He ¹⁴ _____ (tell) the three men that he ¹⁵ _____ (be) a prisoner in the bottle for fifty years. "To show how grateful I am, you can have one wish – anything you want". Then he ¹⁶ _____ (disappear).

Immediately the Italian ¹⁷ _____ (shout), "This is my wish! I'd love to be in Rome eating a big plate of my mother's spaghetti!" At once there was a big flash and a cloud of smoke and when it ¹⁸ _____ (clear) the other two saw that the Italian ¹⁹ _____ (vanish).

Next, the Frenchman said, "Genie, please take me to my favourite restaurant with my wife near the Eiffel Tower." Immediately there was a flash and he also disappeared.

The American, who wasn't very intelligent, ²⁰ _____ (sit down) on a rock. He ²¹ _____ (feel) a bit unhappy and lonely now that both his friends ²² _____ (go). He ²³ _____ (think) for a moment and then he ²⁴ _____ (make) his wish. "Genie! Please ... bring my friends back!" Then there was a big flash ...