



12 LANGUAGE IN THE STORY

2 The story develops through the characters' actions. These action words are called 'verbs'. When we tell a story, we usually use the past tense of the verbs.

Look at verbs in the story, can you divide them into two groups?

wanted	decided	met	invited	came	
stopped	flew	saw	walked	looked	
climbed	made	thought	ran	ate	went
sent	woke	scratched	bit	kicked	
	stabbed	lived			

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3 Now can you write the verb in its base 'infinitive form?

The ones with 'ed' are easy. e.g. WANT - wanted

The irregular ones are a bit trickier! e.g. COME - came

want-wanted	come-came

4 In the story, 'The farmer didn't want the donkey anymore.' So how do we make action words (verbs) negative?

subject	auxiliary verb	main verb in infinitive
The farmer	didn't	want the donkey



5 Rewrite the following sentences.

1. The donkey met an old dog.

2. They stopped in the forest.

3. They saw gold and silver and jewels.

4. The dog climbed on the donkey's back.

5. The robber ran back to his friends.

6. He waved his arms.