

Verbs in narrative

Read the folktale. Choose from the given words in the box and fill in each blank with the correct verb. Use each verb only once.

thought
loved

lay
felt

jumped
growled

wanted
decided

Tiger and the Wind



A retold African folk tale

Long, long ago in Africa, there was a time when the rains did not come at all. There was nothing to drink and all the animals.....terribly hot and thirsty.

Right in the middle of the field there was a pear tree full of juiciest pears in the whole of Africa. Under the tree, however,the meanest tiger in the whole of Africa. He.....fiercely at anyone who dared to come near the tree. He.....all the juicy pear for himself.

Rabbit, however, was clever. He.....of a way to trick Tiger. He whispered his plan to the other animals.

B) Read the continuation of the folktale. Then, fill in each blank



with a suitable verb.

Then, Rabbit ran across the field, right in front of Tiger. Heloudly, "A big wind is coming. It will blow every one



of the earth."

At the same time, the animalsin the forest. They shook the forest trees. They made such a loud noise that Tiger really.....what Rabbit said.

"Whatever shall I do?" cried Tiger.

"I don't know," replied Rabbit, "but I am going to tie all the other animals to a tree with a strong rope."

"Please, please, please, tie me to a tree instead,".....Tiger.

"Oh, all right," Rabbit quickly.....He tied Tiger tightly to the pear tree and then called all other animals.

"Come and look at this selfish tiger who wanted all the pears for himself," he laughed.