

PAST SIMPLE. SHORT STORY

Read a short story and fill in the gaps with the verbs in Past Simple

go	went	gone
get	got	got
have	had	had
say	said	said
be	was/were	been



An artist _____(to go) to a beautiful part of the country for a holiday, and _____(to stay) with a farmer. Every day he _____(to go) out with his paints and brushes and _____(to paint) from morning to evening, and then when it _____(to get) dark, he _____(to go) back to the farm and _____(to have) a good dinner before he _____(to go) to bed.

At the end of his holiday he _____(to want) to pay the farmer, but the farmer _____(to say), 'No, I don't want money - but give me one of your pictures. What is money? In a week it will be finished, but your painting will still be here'.

The artist _____(to be) very pleased and _____(to thank) the farmer for saying such kind things about his paintings.

The farmer _____(to smile) and _____(to answer), 'It is not that. I have a son in London. He wants to become an artist. When he comes here next month, I will show him your picture, and then he will not want to be an artist any more, I think'.

Answer the questions.

1. Where did the artist go for his holiday?
2. Where did he stay?
3. What did he do every day?
4. What did he do when it got dark?
5. What did the farmer say when the artist wanted to pay him?

6. What did the painter thank the farmer for?
7. Why did the farmer want the artist's painting?
8. Did the farmer want his son to become an artist?