

## THE HAUNTED HOUSE

1. Read the text and complete it with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, PAST SIMPLE or PAST CONTINUOUS.

James and his sister, Ellie, are in their bedroom now. Ellie <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at a magazine and James <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a boring series on Netflix. Suddenly, Ellie <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a picture of a strange house. 'Look, James,' she says. 'Isn't this the house that is by the lake near here?' James <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (turn off) the TV and <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a look at the photograph. 'Yes, it is,' he answers. 'What <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (the article / say) about the house?' Ellie <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (read) it quickly and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (start) laughing aloud. 'It says that the place <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) full of ghosts! Hahaha How silly!' 'I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) so sure the article is a lie. Sit still, Ellie. I will tell you a creepy story that <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) to me last year in that house.'

'It was a cloudy Friday afternoon. Tom and I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) by the lake and talking about our summer holidays. All of a sudden, Tom <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) an old house. "People think that it <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) haunted," he said, but I <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not believe) him. "Come on, let's have a look at the house," I said. "What? <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you / be) crazy?" said Tom. "I <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / want) to go inside. The place <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) very frightening and my dad <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / let) me enter private property." "Oh, come on! Don't be a chicken!" I replied. "If we <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / explore) the place now, we'll regret it all our lives. I'm sure there <sup>21</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) nothing to be afraid of."

Tom <sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / want) to enter the house, but I eventually convinced him and we <sup>23</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) inside. We <sup>24</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the front door slowly and stepped into the hallway. Everything <sup>25</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in complete silence, so after some minutes we relaxed. However, when we <sup>26</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) up the stairs, we suddenly <sup>27</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange noise behind us. We turned around and saw a scary shadow. We screamed and <sup>28</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (run) out of the house as fast as we could. As we <sup>29</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (run), I looked back and <sup>30</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a dog in the doorway. Was it the dog's shadow? We <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not know), but we never <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (return) to the old house again!'

