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The tricky marathon

Read the story and complete the appropriate narrative tenses



Once upon a time in Sunnyville, there was a big race, and Jack really 1_____ (want) to win. But, truth be told, Jack 2 _____ (not be) a big fan of running. So, before the race, he was thinking about a sneaky plan. While everyone 3 _____ (chat) and stretching at the starting line, Jack was plotting to take a shortcut through the woods to finish faster.

As the race began, people 4 _____ (run), and Jack went along with them for a bit. When he reached the woods, the sun 5 _____ (shine), and birds were singing. While others were focused on the race, Jack 6 _____ (think) he could be clever. He sneaked away from the main path and took a shortcut.

Walking along the shortcut, Jack 7 _____ (feel) pretty pleased with himself. Meanwhile, back on the main route, the other runners 8 _____ (put) in their best efforts, unaware of Jack's tricky move. As Jack approached the finish line with a self-satisfied smile, the other runners 9 _____ (grow) suspicious. So, the organizers decided to investigate the race route. It was then revealed that Jack 10 _____ (take) a shortcut.