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THE HAUNTED HOUSE

In a small, quiet town, there is an old house on Hill Street. People say it is haunted. Lucy and her friends do not believe the stories. One Friday night, they decide to visit the house.

When they arrive at the house, the wind blows hard, and the door opens by itself. “This house is scary,” Lucy says, but her friends laugh. They carry flashlights and begin to explore the dark rooms.
Suddenly, they hear a voice. “Who dares to enter my house?” it asks. They freeze. “Who is it?” Lucy calls, but no one answers.

The air becomes cold. A shadow appears on the wall, but there is no one there. The friends argue about what to do. “Let’s leave!” one of them says, but Lucy wants to stay. “We need to check upstairs,” she says.

They climb the old stairs, which creak with every step. Upstairs, they find a book on a small table. It is dusty, but Lucy opens it. The pages are blank. Suddenly, the words appear: "You are not allowed here!"
The friends scream and run down the stairs. The door slams shut, and they cannot open it. They hear footsteps behind them, but no one is there.

“Why do you come here?” the voice asks again. Lucy says, “We just want to see the house. We mean no harm.”

The voice answers, “If you accept my rules, you can leave.” They all nod quickly. The door opens, and they run out. As they leave, the house bursts into flames, but when they turn around, the house is whole again.

Since that night, they never return to Hill Street, and they always tell others to stay away.

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Reading Comprehension Questions

Part 1: True or False

1. The house is on Hill Street.
2. Lucy and her friends believe the house is haunted.
3. The voice tells them they can stay in the house.
4. The stairs make no noise when they climb them.
5. The house bursts into flames when they leave.

Part 2: Multiple Choice

What happens when they arrive at the house?
a) The lights turn on. b) The door opens by itself.
c) They hear laughter.

What do they find upstairs?
a) A ghost. b) A book with blank pages. c) A locked door.

What do the words in the book say?
a) "Leave now!" b) "You are not allowed here!" c) "Help me!"

How do they escape the house?
a) They break a window. b) The voice lets them leave.
c) They find a secret door.

What happens to the house after they leave?
a) It disappears. b) It burns but becomes whole again.
c) It collapses into the ground.

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Present Simple Tense

1: Affirmative sentences

Complete the sentences with the verbs in the present simple tense.

- She always _____ (accept) new ideas.
- We _____ (believe) in hard work.
- The child _____ (ask) many questions.
- He _____ (climb) trees every weekend.
- The chef _____ (bake) delicious cakes.

2 Negative sentences

Change the following sentences into negative sentences.

She appears on TV every Friday.

- She _____ on TV every Friday.

They build houses in the city.

- They _____ houses in the city.

He comes to class on time.

- He _____ to class on time.

We buy vegetables at the market.

- We _____ vegetables at the market.

The dog bites strangers.

- The dog _____ strangers.

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3 Questions

Write Afirmative questions.

- _____ he _____ (answer) all the emails?
- _____ they _____ (allow) pets in this park?
- _____ you _____ (choose) your own clothes?
- _____ she _____ carry) a heavy bag?
- _____ it _____ (boil) water quickly?

4 Short answers

Answer the questions with Yes or No

Do they check the homework?

_____, they do. / _____, they don't.

Does he broadcast the news every morning?

_____, he does. / _____, he doesn't.

Do you clean your room every day?

_____, I do. / _____, I don't.

5 Order the words

Write the words in the correct order to form sentences in the present simple tense.

(awake / early / I / every day)

_____.

(burn / wood / in the fireplace / they)

_____.

(always / bring / flowers / she)

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(often / argue / my brothers)

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(boil / the water / quickly)

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