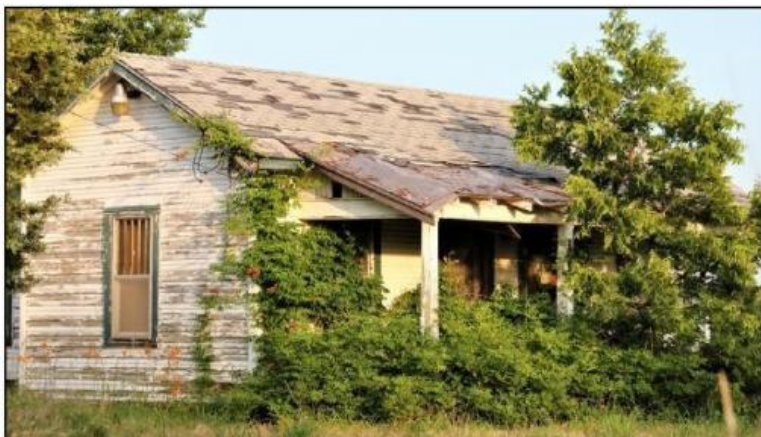


The Mystery at the Old House

Directions: Read the story. Choose the correct verb form to complete each sentence. Then answer the questions at the end.



Part A: Complete the Story (Choose the correct form)

The Story:

Last Saturday, Maria and her friends _____ (decide/decides/were deciding) to explore the old house on Maple Street. When they _____ (walk/walks/were walking) to the house, dark clouds _____ (cover/covers/were covering) the sky.

Maria usually _____ (avoid/avoids/was avoiding) scary places, but today she _____ (feel/feels/felt) brave. Her friend Carlos _____ (carry/carries/is carrying) a flashlight right now as they get near the door.

When they _____ (arrive/arrives/arrived) at the entrance, a person _____ (knock/knocks/was knocking) from inside. The group _____ (stop/stops/stopped) immediately. While they _____ (wait/waits/were waiting) outside, the door slowly _____ (open/opens/opened).

A woman _____ (appear/appears/appeared) and _____ (say/says/said), "I _____ (live/lives/am living) here now. I _____ (clean/cleans/was cleaning) the windows when I heard voices."

They _____ (laugh/laughs/laughed) with relief! Now Maria _____ (know/knows/knew) that not all mysteries _____ (have/has/had) scary endings. She _____ (believe/believes/is believing) this experience _____ (teach/teaches/taught) her something important.

Part B: Comprehension Questions

After reading the story, answer these questions:

1. Why did the group stop at the entrance?

2. What was the woman doing when she heard the voices?
3. How does Maria usually feel about scary places?
4. What lesson does Maria learn from this experience?