

1) Read the story and fill in the gaps with the Past Simple, Past Continuous, or Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.



Last autumn, my best friend and I (1) _____ (decide) to explore an old abandoned house near our town. Many people often (2) _____ (tell) us that strange things happened there, but we didn't believe them.

When we (3) _____ (arrive), the front door was open. While we (4) _____ (walk) through the empty rooms, we (5) _____ (hear) a loud noise upstairs. We (6) _____ (look) at each other, but nobody (7) _____ (say) a word.

Slowly, we (8) _____ (climb) the stairs. While we (9) _____ (look) inside one of the bedrooms, an old window suddenly (10) _____ (close) because of the wind. We both (11) _____ (jump) with fright.

A few seconds later, we (12) _____ (see) a small light moving in the hallway. We (13) _____ (follow) it carefully, but it suddenly disappeared.

At that moment, an old man (14) _____ (come) into the house. He smiled and (15) _____ (tell) us that he was the owner. He explained that he (16) _____ (visit) the house every weekend to check that everything was safe.

Since then, I (17) _____ (realize) that scary stories are not always true. I (18) _____ (never / forget) that exciting afternoon, and I (19) _____ (be) much less afraid of old houses.

2) Marcos is talking to his mum about the old abandoned house he and his friend visited. Write her questions to his answers.

1. _____ ?
We decided to explore **an old abandoned house**.

2. _____ ?
We were walking through the empty rooms when we heard the noise.

3. _____ ?
No, nobody said a word.

4. _____ ?
The window closed **because of the wind**.

5. _____ ?
We followed the light carefully after we saw it.

6. _____ ?

The owner came into the house.

7. _____ ?

He visited the house **every weekend**.

8. _____ ?

Yes, I have realized that scary stories are not always true.