

Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or Continuous.



A few years ago a friend of mine, Tom, 1) *was travelling* (**travel**) in Java. One day he 2) (**decide**) to visit an ancient temple. The walls were covered in beautiful old paintings of mysterious-looking faces. While he 3) (**walk**) around the temple, he 4) (**feel**) an inexplicable desire to remove one particular face which seemed to be staring at him. Nervously, checking to see that no one 5) (**look**), he 6) (**peel**) the face from the wall and 7) (**put**) it carefully in his bag. Tom 8) (**think**) no more about the incident until two years later. At that time he 9) (**live**) in London and 10) (**work**) in a shop selling old books and manuscripts. One day an extremely old man 11) (**walk**) slowly through the door. Tom could hardly see him but he 12) (**notice**) the man's piercing black eyes. He 13) (**stare**) at Tom, fixing him with his gaze, saying nothing. As the man 14) (**stare**) at him, Tom 15) (**have**) an awful, terrifying feeling of shame and fear. Suddenly, the man was gone. When Tom got home that evening he 16) (**search**) frantically through all his things until he 17) (**find**) the face from the temple. It was the face of the old man from the shop! He 18) (**know**) then that he had to return the picture to the temple, or something terrible would happen.