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Instruction: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb in parentheses using either the **Simple Past**, **Past Continuous**, or **Past Perfect**.

Malin Kundang

Long ago, in a small coastal village in West Sumatra, a poor boy named Malin Kundang **1.** _____ (live) with his devoted mother. His father **2.** _____ (die) at sea when Malin was just an infant, leaving them with very little money.

One afternoon, while Malin **3.** _____ (walk) along the beach, a grand merchant ship docked at the harbor. Malin decided to leave his hometown because he **4.** _____ (promise) to return as a wealthy man and build his mother a huge house.

Many years passed. Malin **5.** _____ (work) tirelessly aboard merchant vessels until he eventually became a rich merchant himself. He married a noblewoman and bought a majestic ship. However, he **6.** _____ (never / write) a single letter to his mother during all those years.

One sunny day, as Malin's flagship **7.** _____ (approach) his old village shore, an elderly woman recognized him from the crowd. She was overjoyed because she **8.** _____ (wait) for his return for decades.

While the villagers **9.** _____ (cheer) and welcoming the grand ship, the frail mother stepped forward to embrace her son. But Malin was ashamed of her ragged clothes. Even though he recognized her instantly, he denied her and shouted that he **10.** _____ (see / never) this woman before in his life.

Heartbroken, his mother wept as Malin's ship **11.** _____ (sail) away from the harbor. As she **12.** _____ (kneel) on the wet sand, she raised her hands to the sky and prayed for justice.

Suddenly, while the ship **13.** _____ (navigate) the open waters, a violent storm erupted out of nowhere. Massive waves battered the vessel, breaking its deck. Malin realized that his cruelty **14.** _____ (anger) the heavens, but it was too late.

Before the crew could drop anchor, lightning struck the ship. When the storm finally cleared, Malin **15.** _____ (turn) into a stone statue on the shore, frozen in a position of begging for forgiveness.