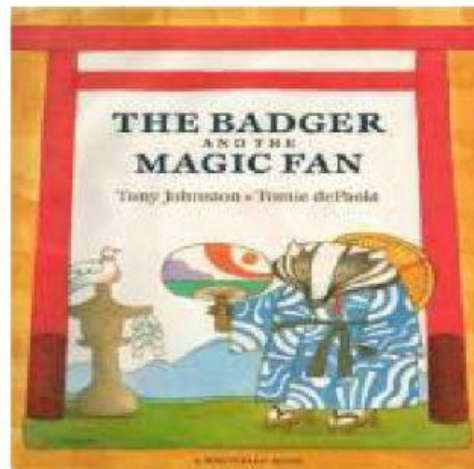


Put the verbs between brackets into the correct Past tense form



Long ago in Japan, there 1) ... (be) three children with a very special fan. But these children were no ordinary children. They were Tengu children, goblins of Japan, and as all Tengus did, they 2) ... (have) very long noses. When they 3) ... wave) the fan over their noses, their noses would either shrink or grow longer than they already were. Now, although the children 4) ... (not know) it, the whole time they were fanning away, they were being watched. Watched by a sly badger.

Badgers in Japan can turn themselves into anything they want. And when the badger saw what fun the children 5) ... (have) with the magic fan, he decided to take it for himself. So the badger transformed himself into a girl with a plate of bean-jam buns, which all children in Japan are fond of. Thinking nothing of it, they 6) ... (drop) the fan and happily ate a bun, there were three children and four buns. So the tricky badger suggested that the children close their eyes and hold their breath. Whoever could hold their breath with their eyes closed the longest would get the last bean-jam bun. The children 7) ... (think) this was a fair idea, so they each 8) ... (take) a deep breath and closed their eyes. The second the eyes of all three children were closed, the badger hurried over to the fan, picked it up and 9) ... (run) out of the house, set to have his own kind of fun.

The badger 10) ... (come) across a temple with a beautiful girl sitting inside. The girl was the daughter of the richest man in Japan. The badger waved his fan over the girl's petite nose until it 11) ... (grow) very long. Then he ran away. The father was

devastated! His beautiful daughter now looked like a dreadful Tengu. The father called upon the doctors of Japan. They thought that if the princess 12) ... (*eat*) thistle down, sea urchins and cabbage. it would cure her nose. So the princess ate thistle down, sea urchins and cabbage. She ate them all until she could eat no more. But it 13) ... (*not affect*) her nose at all. The father called on a witch. The witch suggested that the girl sprinkle pepper on her nose and then she could sneeze it back to normal size.

The girl 14) ... (*sprinkle*) pepper all over her nose and she sneezed. She 15) ... (*sneeze*) and 16) ... (*sneeze*) and 17) ... (*sneeze*) But nothing happened to her nose. The father yelled and sprinkled pepper on the witch. And she left, sneezing. The father 18) ... (*send*) for the best thinkers of Japan. They thought that if she tied her nose in knots bows it would look smaller. The father was in the depths of despair.

Out of desperation he 19) ... (*say*) "I will give my daughter and half my fortune to anyone who can shrink my daughter's nose." "The badger stalked into the room and introduced himself as a nose-shrine. And with a few quick waves of the fan, the girl's nose was small again. The wedding festivities were held immediately. The badger couldn't believe his luck! A beautiful wife that also happened to be rich when he 20) ... (*snore*) soundly, the Tengu child, crept in and took their fan. They waved it over the badger's nose until the nose grew through clouds. Two workers were building a bridge in heaven. When they saw the badger's nose stop growing beside them, they decided it was the perfect pole for their bridge and hoisted it up. And that sneaky badger was never seen again.