

# THREE WISHES AND A WINDSURF BOARD



Complete this story with the right verb tense of the verb in brackets. Use the past tenses: Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous.

A Frenchman, and Italian and an American wanted to be the first people to windsurf across the Pacific. They <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (set off) one morning in July. When they <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) for a month, the weather suddenly <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (change) dramatically. It <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) very windy and the waves <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) enormous. Unfortunately, one of the waves <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (break) their windsurf boards in two. Luckily, the three men <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to swim to a small island.

They <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on the island for several weeks when one morning the Italian came back with a bottle that he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) on the beach while he <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (jog).

When they <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (open) it, there <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a big flash and a genie suddenly <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (appear).

"Thank you! Thank you!" said the genie. "I am free thanks to you!" He <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) the three men that he <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a prisoner in the bottle for fifty years. "To show how grateful I am, you can have one wish – anything you want". Then he <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear).

Immediately the Italian <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (shout), "This is my wish! I'd love to be in Rome eating a big plate of my mother's spaghetti!" At once there was a big flash and a cloud of smoke and when it <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (clear) the other two saw that the Italian <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (vanish).

Next, the Frenchman said, "Genie, please take me to my favourite restaurant with my wife near the Eiffel Tower." Immediately there was a flash and he also disappeared.

The American, who wasn't very intelligent, <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sit down) on a rock. He <sup>21</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) a bit unhappy and lonely now that both his friends <sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go). He <sup>23</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (think) for a moment and then he <sup>24</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) his wish. "Genie! Please ... bring my friends back!" Then there was a big flash ...