

Fill in the gaps in the following story using narrative tenses (past simple, past continuous and past perfect)

THE MYSTERY STORY

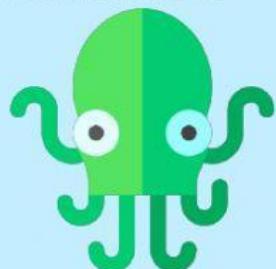
Last night I ^{1.} _____ (walk) home next to the river Thames, when something strange ^{2.} _____ (happen) to me. It was late at night and I ^{3.} _____ (have) a long and difficult day at work. There ^{4.} _____ (be) a large full moon in the sky and everything was quiet. I was tired and lonely and I ^{5.} _____

_____ (just have) a few pints of beer in my local pub, so I decided to stop by the riverside and look at the moon for a while. I ^{6.} _____ (sit) on some steps very close to the water's edge and looked up at the big yellow moon and wondered if it really was made of cheese. I felt very tired so I closed my eyes and after a few minutes, I ^{7.} _____ (fall) asleep.



When I ^{8.} _____ (wake up), the moon ^{9.} _____ (move) behind a cloud and it was very dark and cold. The wind ^{10.} _____ (blow) and an owl hooted in a tree above me. I ^{11.} _____ (rub) my eyes and started to get up, when suddenly I heard a splash. I looked down at the water and saw something. Something terrible and frightening, and unlike anything I ^{12.} _____ (ever see) before. Something ^{13.} _____

_____ (come out) of the water and moving towards me. Something green and strange and ugly. It was a long green arm and it was stretching out from the water to grab my leg. I was so scared that I couldn't move. I ^{14.} _____ (never be) so scared in my whole life. The cold green hand was moving closer and closer when suddenly there was a blue flash and a strange noise from behind me. Someone ^{15.} _____ (jump) onto the stairs next to me. He ^{16.} _____ (wear) strange clothes and he had a crazy look in his eyes. He shouted, "Get Back!" and pointed something at the monster in the water. There was a bright flash and the monster hissed and disappeared.



I looked up at the man. He looked strange, but kind. "Don't fall asleep by the river when there's a full moon", he said "The Moon Goblins will get you." I ^{17.} _____ (never hear) of moon goblins before. I ^{18.} _____ (not know) what to do. "Who... who are you?" I asked him. "You can call me... The Doctor." He said. I ^{19.} _____ (try) to think of something else to say when he turned around and said, "Watch the stars at night, and be careful of the full moon". I was trying to understand what he meant, when there was another blue flash and I closed my eyes. When I opened them again, he ^{20.} _____ (go).

I couldn't believe what had happened. What on earth were Moon Goblins, and who was the mysterious Doctor? And why had he saved me? I was determined to find the answers to these strange questions. I stood up, looked at the moon and quickly walked home.