Narrative Writing



Question 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct PAST TENSE of the verb in brackets to complete the story.

David was on his way to the park the other day when he 1. _____ (hear) a little girl crying. He looked over in the direction the sobs 2. _____ (are) coming from, and saw a little girl crying at the bottom of a tree.

"What is the matter?" 3. _____ (ask) David.

The little girl was so upset she 4. _____ (can) only point up at the tree. There, on one of the thin branches 5. _____ (is) a very scared-looking cat. Eventually, the girl 6. _____ (manage) to explain that her cat had been chased by a dog and had climbed the tree to escape the frightening dog. The cat 7. _____ (has) been there for at least 15 minutes and had not moved. The girl was convinced that it was stuck and 8. _____ (can) not get down on its own.

David looked at the fairly low branches on the tree and 9. _____ (decide) he could quite easily climb up to the cat and rescue it. He 10. _____ (take) off his jacket and started to hoist himself up onto the first branch. Nimbly moving from branch to branch, he 11. _____ (approach) the frightened cat, which had still not moved. He grasped the thin branch where the cat was crouched but there was a terrible creaking noise and the branch 12. _____ (bend) low. Was it going to break? David looked down at the ground, which seemed suddenly far below him. The little girl 13. _____ (cry) out and the cat sprang

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onto a lower branch and, before they 14. _____ (know) it, was safely in the arms of the little girl.

David managed to get himself back down onto the ground and, leaving the girl hugging her cat, and mumbling her thanks to him, he 15. _____ (continue) on his way to the park.

Question 2: look at the words which are underlined in the passage. Choose the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the story.

1. Eventually means
   a. Never
   b. Finally
   c. Immediately

2. convinced means
   a. assured
   b. deterred
   c. not believed

3. hoist means
   a. drop
   b. lower
   c. lift

4. Nimbly means
   a. Quickly
   b. Foolishly
   c. Unthinkingly

5. Mumbling means
   a. shouting
   b. hollering
   c. murmuring



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