

Ex. 1 Read the story and complete the verbs into past simple.

Roxy to the rescue by Serena West

One dark night, last winter we (**be**) all in bed sleeping peacefully. Suddenly my dog Roxy(**start**) barking madly. My mum (**wake up**) first and smelt smoke! She (**run**) downstairs and(see) big, orange flames in the kitchen. The house(be) on fire! She quickly woke me and my dad up. We (**rush**) outside and my dad (**call**) the fire brigade. Next, I (**hear**) a loud scream. „Where is Roxy ?” My dad (**dash**) back inside but the smoke drove him out again. We(**be**) desperate. Then the firefighters arrived and(**put**) out the fire. One of them bravely(**carry**) Roxy in his arms. We (**hug**) her happily. She (**save**) us from a terrible disaster. We (**be**) lucky to be alive.

Ex. 2 Read the story again and put the events in the order they happened. Use numbers (1-10).

- A. She run downstairs.
- B. The firefighters put out the fire.
- C. They run outside.
- D. The dog started to bark.
- E. She saw the fire.
- F. Serena’s dad tried to rescue the dog.
- G. Serena’s mum woke up.
- H. The family were asleep in bed.
- I. Serena’s dad called the fire brigade.
- J. She woke the others.

Ex. 3 Write your own story using the prompts below.

Teenager hurt in parrot rescue

- 1. tried to rescue pet parrot
- 2. hurt when fell off a ladder
- 3. parrot escaped from its cage - flew up on to a roof
- 4. teenager got a ladder – climbed up to a roof

5. had a parrot in his hands
6. foot slipped – fell off a ladder
7. broke his/her leg – parrot flew back into its cage