



The Tree House

Complete the story in the Past Simple. Use the verbs in brackets.

Tim Wilkins loved his tree house. His father built it when he was 8.

Tim Wilkins ⁽¹⁾ _____ (not have) any siblings. He usually ⁽²⁾ _____ (play) alone when his family ⁽³⁾ _____ (live) in London. He ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (go) to the park every afternoon after school when the weather ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (be) fine. When it ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (rain), his mum ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (take) him to the library and Tim ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (choose) a book and he ⁽⁹⁾ _____ (read). He ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ (prefer) reading adventure books about pirates, explorers or spacemen. He ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ (be) very imaginative.

When Tim ⁽¹²⁾ _____ (be) 8 years old, his father ⁽¹³⁾ _____ (lose) his job. He ⁽¹⁴⁾ _____ (work) as a Carpenter and he ⁽¹⁵⁾ _____ (decide) to start a new life in a little village called Stonebridge. So Tim's parents ⁽¹⁶⁾ _____ (sell) their house in London and they ⁽¹⁷⁾ _____ (buy) a beautiful house in Stonebridge. This house ⁽¹⁸⁾ _____ (not be) new and the windows and doors ⁽¹⁹⁾ _____ (be) broken. The roof ⁽²⁰⁾ _____ (have) a hole. They ⁽²¹⁾ _____ (repair) the house and ⁽²²⁾ _____ (paint) the walls. When they ⁽²³⁾ _____ (finish), the house ⁽²⁴⁾ _____ (look) fantastic!

Tim's father ⁽²⁵⁾ _____ (have) an idea. Their garden ⁽²⁶⁾ _____ (be) very big and there ⁽²⁷⁾ _____ (be) a lot of old trees. There ⁽²⁸⁾ _____ (be) one tree especially tall and thick. Tim's father ⁽²⁹⁾ _____ (design) a tree house and he ⁽³⁰⁾ _____ (spend) the whole spring building the tree house. When the summer ⁽³¹⁾ _____ (begin), Tim ⁽³²⁾ _____ (have) his new house finished. He ⁽³³⁾ _____ (invite) some boys to play there and all the things he ⁽³⁴⁾ _____ (read) in the books ⁽³⁵⁾ _____ (come) true.

The tree house ⁽³⁶⁾ _____ (not survive) many years. Unluckily, a terrible storm ⁽³⁷⁾ _____ (destroy) it some years ago. But Tim Wilkins ⁽³⁸⁾ _____ (not forget) it when he ⁽³⁹⁾ _____ (grow up). He ⁽⁴⁰⁾ _____ (become) an architect and now he builds tree houses all around the world! ⁽⁴¹⁾ _____ (you / have) a tree house when you ⁽⁴²⁾ _____ (be) a child?

