



# 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?

