

Past-Tense: Simple Past Tense (and Present-Perfect Tense)

Activity 9 Fill in the blanks with the correct *Simple-Past Tense* or *Present-Perfect Tense* of the verbs in the brackets. The first and second one have been done for you.

My mother [1] has frequently told (tell) me not to talk to strangers. The other day, someone whom I [2] did (do) not know [3] _____ (come) to me and [4] _____ (strike) up a conversation. Sensing that I [5] _____ (be) uncomfortable, he [6] _____ (ask) if my mother had ever warned me against strangers. I innocently [7] _____ (answer) 'yes'. He [8] _____ (suggest) that we introduce ourselves to each other first, so that we [9] _____ (will) not be strangers anymore. I [10] _____ (feel) that it [11] _____ (be) a good idea so I [12] _____ (oblige). Thereafter, we [13] _____ (start) chatting.

That [14] _____ (be) when he [15] _____ (broach) the idea of showing me something. I eagerly [16] _____ (follow) him to wherever he was leading me and we [17] _____ (end) up in a dark alley. That [18] _____ (be) when he [19] _____ (whip) out a dagger and [20] _____ (point) it at me. He [21] _____ (order) me to hand over all my money. After that, he [22] _____ (scurry) off and [23] _____ (vanish) into the darkness.

It [24] _____ (be) a year since this [25] _____ (happen). I [26] _____ (terrify) of strangers ever since. I [27] _____ (avoid) going into the dark alleys since then as well. On top of that, I [28] _____ also _____ (join) the Crime Prevention Council to coach others about personal safety.

