

Bedtime story

Read the story and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

One Sunday evening, my best friends, Mary, Sandy, Den, Polly and I _____ (decide) to spend our weekend in my country house. There _____ (be) a bad storm outside, so we _____ (stay) at home, sitting together in a circle next to the fireplace.

Suddenly, a powerful gust of wind _____ (break) the silence. The lights (flicker) and then _____ (go) out altogether. "What was that?" Polly asked. "I guess, it's just



a power cut", Mary _____ (reassure) me. We _____ (carry) on laughing and sharing stories in the dark. After a while, we _____ (see) a bright flash of lightning that _____ (light) up the room. We _____ (hear) a strange noise coming from a another room. It was a secret room. Daddy _____ (forbid) to enter it. Sandy _____ (cry), "Den is missing."

No one _____ (know) where Den _____ (can) be. We _____ (feel) confused and scared. Polly was pale and frightened. She _____ (jump) to her feet and _____ (head) to the secret room. Suddenly, the door _____ (open) on its own. Polly _____ (stop) moving. Then she _____ (come) into the room and disappeared.

Five minutes later we _____ (catch) a whisper and then a laughter. We _____ (rush) into the room. Den _____ (sit) up sleepily, looking bewildered at us. "Oh, I just _____ (fall) asleep. I _____ (not/want) to be tripped over, so I _____ (sneak) into that room."

We _____ (be) relieved and happy. Besides, we _____ (find) a lot of interesting things in daddy's secret room: old books, souvenirs, ancient vases, manuscripts. We _____ (make) a great discovery that day. (John, 13)

Read the text and answer the questions.

1. Where were the children?
2. What was the weather like?
3. What happened to Den?
4. How did children feel?
5. What did they find in the secret room?