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"Simple past reading"

1. Complete the story by using the past form of the verbs in parentheses.

Grandma Hugfuzzy



Grandma Hugfuzzy _____ (live)
all alone in the country. She _____
(love) to sit on the porch and watch the
animals. Every day, she _____ (put)
food out for the rabbits and raccoons. She
_____ (feed) the birds with scraps of
bread. She _____ (put) corn out for
the deer.

One terrible, awful, dreadful day, Grandma Hugfuzzy's house
_____ (burn) down. Poor Grandma! She _____ (have)
nowhere to go and no one to help her. She _____ (spend) the night
in an old barn on a bed of hay, crying herself to sleep.

During the night, the animals _____ (come) to her rescue. Nine
black bears _____ (chop) down some trees. A herd of deer
_____ (carry) the wood on their antlers. Dozens of raccoons and
squirrels _____ (work) all night building a log cabin for Grandma.
Birds _____ (fly) above the house nailing on the roof.

When morning _____ (come), Grandma Hugfuzzy _____
(be) was amazed to see what her animal friends had done! She _____
(throw) a big party for them that _____ (last) ten years!

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