

## ALL TENSES (active voice)

Fill in the gaps, using the correct form of the verb. Mind the tenses!



Every year in winter, Felix Floral and his parents (1) .....  
(be) in good spirits because they simply (2) ..... (love)  
winter, the snow and – above all – of course the Christmas holidays. They  
(3) ..... (not only decorate) the house with mistletoes, fir  
branches and cones, they (4) ..... (also put) hundreds of  
holiday lights onto the bushes and trees in their garden. For at least five  
years the Florals (5) ..... (have) one of the most beautifully  
decorated winter garden in their hometown. Felix (6) .....  
(always help) his father but today he (7) ..... (spend) his  
afternoon in the kitchen with his mum. At the very moment, they (8)  
..... (not only roll) the pastry, (9) ..... (cut) out biscuits and (10)  
..... (put) them into the oven, but mum (11) ..... (also tell) Felix his  
favourite winter story about Bugs, the dog:

"Once upon a time there lived a little brown dog called Bugs. Bugs (12) ..... (belong) to  
a little girl and they (13) ..... (be) best friends since forever. One day the little girl and  
Bugs (14) ..... (walk) through the woods to the nearby village to get a Christmas  
present for the girls' parents, when she (15) ..... (suddenly slip and fall). She (16)  
..... (try) to stand up but she (17) ..... (not can) because she (18)  
..... (sprain) her left ankle. She (19) ..... (not know) what to do, (20)  
..... (feel) desperate and (21) ..... (start) to cry because her leg (22)  
..... (not only hurt) but the weather (23) ..... (be) terribly cold and an  
icy wind (24) ..... (blow). Bugs, being the cleverest dog in the world, (25)  
..... (go) to a nearby tree and (26) ..... (take) the large branch which  
(27) ..... (lie) on the ground into his mouth and (28) ..... (pull) it to  
where the little girl (29) ..... (wait) in the snow. The dog (30) .....  
(cover) the little girl with the branch to keep her from freezing and then it (31) ..... (run)  
home to the girl's house to fetch her parents who (32) ..... (pick) up the little girl and  
(33) ..... (carry) her home."

Felix just loves that story! All the afternoon dad (34) ..... (be) busy outside in the  
garden and Felix and mum (35) ..... (make) dozens and dozens of biscuits and there's  
still some dough left to make some more. So far they (36) ..... (finish) vanilla crescents  
and coconut-almond-macarons. Tomorrow they (37) ..... (work) on chocolate orange  
and Linzer biscuits and if there is still some time mom (38) ..... (create) a special  
gingerbread house. All in all, Felix (39) ..... (look) forward to Christmas Eve and he  
already thinks about how many presents under the tree (40) ..... (be) for him. He (41)  
..... (find) out soon!