

Present, past, present perfect, past perfect

Fill in the correct tense



Scarey, the scarecrow, lives in a field far far away. His best friends (1) (be) the two crows Kree and Kraa. They (2) (know) each other since Kree and Kraa (3) (be) baby birds. Every day Kree (4) (fly) to Scarey to tell him the latest news whereas Kraa (5) (not always visit) Scarey because she (6) (have) a nest with three young birds at home and she (7) (have) to look after them when her husband Mortimer (8) (not be) at home. The young couple and their three baby birds (9) (live) in the old maple tree for about three months now. Whenever Kree, Kraa and Scarey are together, they (10) (have) a lot of fun, (11) (laugh) a lot or Kraa (12) (tell) stories. Now, for example, Kree and Kraa (13) (sit) on Scarey's arms and Kraa (14) (tell) the story of Pumpi, the pumpkin, and Chester, the chestnut tree while Kree and Scarey (15) (listen) attentively:

"Once upon a time there lived a pumpkin called Pumpi on a large pumpkin patch among many, many pumpkins. Pumpi (16) (not like) sitting still at all and so, one day, he (17) (say) good-bye to his parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and all the other relatives and (18) (start) walking south. While he (19) (walk), the sun (20) (shine) but at the same time a cold autumn wind (21) (blow). After he (22) (walk) for quite a long time, Pumpi (23) (reach) the edge of the pumpkin patch and (24) (decide) to turn left. He (25) (walk) past some bushes and hedges when he (26) (suddenly hear) a voice from above. "Where (27) (you go), young man?" the voice (28) (ask). Startled, Pumpi (29) (look) up and (30) (see) the huge crown of a chestnut tree. "I (31) (go) for a walk to explore the surrounding of my patch", Pumpi (32) (answer). "Why (33) (you not climb) up my many branches and see the neighbourhood of your patch from above?" Pumpi (34) (consider) that offer for a moment and

then he (35) (start) climbing the tree. While he (36) (climb), the chestnut tree (37) (hum) a catchy tune. After he (38) (reach) the top of the tree, Pumpi (39) (enjoy) the view. He (40) (stay) up there for half an hour, then he (41) (climb) down slowly, (42) (say) good-bye to the chestnut tree and (43) (run) back home. His family (44) (be) were happy when he (45) (come) back to them before nightfall."

Every time after Kraa finishes telling a story, Kree (46) (clap) his wings and Scarey (47) (shout) "bravo". This month Kraa (48) (already tell) five stories and hopefully she will even tell some more.