

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 a 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.