2B GRAMMAR past: narrative tenses, *used to*, and *would*

Read the story and put the verbs in the right form. There is sometimes more than one possibility.



When Tom turned twelve, his family [1] *moved* (move) out of their apartment in the city to a huge house in the suburbs, near a park. Tom thought that he was the luckiest boy alive. The least attractive feature of Tom's new home was the inhabitant of the house next door. He was an extremely serious and strict middle-aged dentist who [2]_____ (live) on the street for decades. Dr. Scorey, or, as Tom used to call him, "Dr. Scary," [3]_____ (look) uncomfortably like Dracula and he [4]_____ (frown) threateningly at his new neighbors whenever he saw them. Tom was absolutely terrified of him. The only thing Dr. Scorey seemed to care about was his BMW sports car, which he [5]_____ (wash) every Saturday no matter what.

One afternoon during summer vacation, Tom [6]_____ (play) soccer in the park when he suddenly [7]_____ (remember) that his mother [8]_____ (tell) him to come home earlier than usual for dinner. He [9]_____ (jump) on his bike to ride home as fast as he could. However, just as he [10]_____ (pass) Dr. Scorey's BMW, he somehow lost control of his bike, crashed into the side of the car, and fell off. After picking himself up, he noticed to his horror that his bike [11]_____ (make) deep scratches all down one side of the car! Tom was afraid to tell anyone, and spent all night imagining what horrible punishment [12]_____ (await) him at the hands of his neighbor. In the end, he told his father, who went straight to Dr. Scorey's and arranged to pay for the damage. Tom never [13]_____ (hear) anything more about it, but from that day on, he [14]_____ (always get off) his bike at a very safe distance from Dr. Scorey's car, just in case.

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