

Complete this text with simple past and simple present verbs

This text is a fragment of *Skeleton Lake: An Episode in Camp* by Algernon Blackwood

The utter loneliness of our moose-camp on Skeleton Lake had impressed us from the beginning--in the Quebec backwoods, five days by trail and canoe from civilisation--and perhaps the singular name _____ (*to contribute*) a little to the sensation of eeriness that _____ (*to make*) itself felt in the camp circle when once the sun was down and the late October mists _____ (*to begin*) rising from the lake and winding their way in among the tree trunks.

For, in these regions, all names of lakes and hills and islands _____ (*to have*) their origin in some actual event, taking either the name of a chief participant, such as Smith's Ridge, or claiming a place in the map by perpetuating some special feature of the journey or the scenery, such as Long Island, Deep Rapids, or Rainy Lake.

All names thus _____ (*to have*) their meaning and are usually pretty recently acquired, while the majority _____ (*to be*) self-explanatory and (*to suggest*) human and pioneer relations. Skeleton Lake, therefore, _____ (*to be*) a name full of suggestion, and though none of us _____ (*to know*) the origin or the story of its birth, we all _____ (*to be*) conscious of a certain lugubrious atmosphere that _____ (*to haunt*) its shores and islands, and but for the evidences of recent moose tracks in its neighbourhood we should probably have pitched our tents elsewhere.

For several hundred miles in any direction we _____ (*to know*) of only one other party of whites. They had journeyed up on the train with us, getting in at North Bay, and hailing from Boston way. A common goal and object had served by way of introduction. But the acquaintance had made little progress. This noisy, aggressive Yankee did not suit our fancy much as a possible neighbour, and it _____ (*to be*) only a slight intimacy between his chief guide, Jake the Swede, and one of our men that _____ (*to keep*) the thing going at all. They _____ (*to go*) into camp on Beaver Creek, fifty miles and more to the west of us.

But that was six weeks ago, and _____ (*to seem*) as many months, for days and nights _____ (*to pass*) slowly in these solitudes and the scale of time _____ (*to change*) wonderfully. Our men always _____ (*to seem*) to know by instinct pretty well "whar them other fellows was movin'," but in the interval no one had come across their trails, or once so much as heard their rifle shots.

Our little camp _____ (*to consist*) of the professor, his wife, a splendid shot and keen woods-woman, and myself. We _____ (*to have*) a guide apiece, and _____ (*to hunt*) daily in pairs from before sunrise till dark.