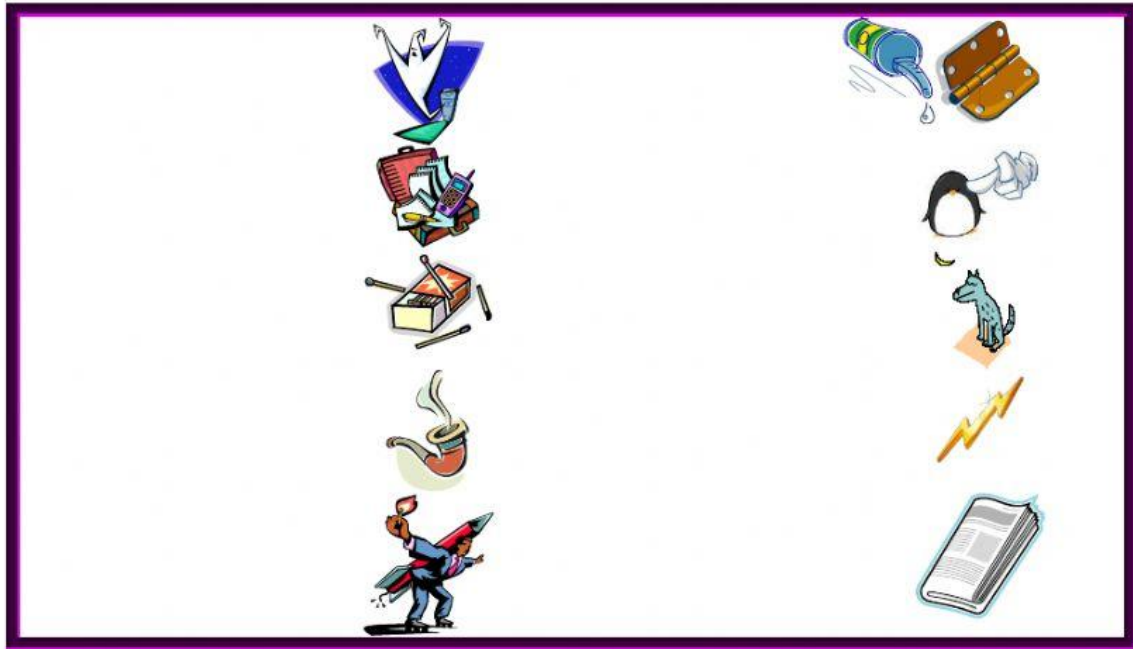


Ghost Story: Forget the Watermelons!

Exercise 1: Study , learn and use the vocabulary



1 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE VOCABULARY.

- 1) WE NEED _____ TO LIGHT THE CANDLES.
- 2) MY FATHER ALWAYS READS THE _____
- 3) I LISTENED TO A _____ SOUND AND I WAS SCARED.
- 4) MY GRANDFATHER HAD A _____ AND HE SMOKE IT ALL THE TIME.
- 5) WHEN THE STORM STARTED, WE SAW
A _____ IN THE SKY.
- 6) YOU HAVE TO _____ YOUR THINGS TO GO.
- 7) THE HOUSE WAS FULL OF GHOSTS, IT'S A _____ HOUSE.
- 8) SHE _____ AT ME WITH A RULER.
- 9) HE _____ THE ROCKET AN IT EXPLODED.
- 10) THE _____ IS A DANGEROUS ANIMAL.

Exercise 2: Read the story. Change the verbs to past simple.



Old Sam Gibb _____ (not believe) in ghosts. Not one bit. Everyone in town knew the old house back in the woods was **haunted**, but Sam Gibb just _____ (laugh) whenever people talked about it. Finally, his friend _____ (dare) Sam Gibb to stay the night in the haunted house. If he _____ (stay) there until morning, his friend was going to buy him a lot of watermelons. Sam _____ (to be) happy. Watermelons _____ (to be) Sam's favorite fruit. He took the dare, _____ (**pack**) some **matches** and his **pipe**, and _____ (go) to the old house to stay the night.



Sam went into the old house, _____ (start) a fire, **lit** his pipe, and _____ (sit) in an old chair with the **newspaper**. As he _____ (to be) reading, he heard a creaking sound. Looking up, he saw that a scary little animal with red eyes _____ (to be) in the seat next to him. It had a long, forked tail, two horns on its head, **and claws** at the ends of its hands, and sharp teeth that **poked** right through its large lips.



"There isn't anybody here tonight except you and me," the animal said to old Sam Gibb. It had a scary voice. Sam _____ (to be) so scared his heart almost _____ (stop). He _____ (jump) to his feet.

"There isn't going to be anybody here but you in a minute," Sam Gibb told the scary animal. He _____ (jump) out the window and ran down the road as fast as possible. He ran so fast that he ran past two rabbits and a **coyote**. But it _____ (not to be) long before he heard the animal behind him. The scary animal with the red eyes _____ (to be) running next to him.



"You're running fast for an old man," said the animal to old Sam Gibb.



"Oh, I can run faster than this," Sam Gibb told it. He _____ (run) like a **bolt of lightning**, leaving the scary animal in the dust. As he ran past his friend's house, his friend came out to see what _____ (to be) wrong.



"Forget the watermelons," Sam Gibb _____ (shout) to his friend without stopping.

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Old Sam Gibb ran all the way home and hid under his bed for the rest of the night. After that, he _____ (believe) in ghosts, and he never went close to the old haunted house in the woods.