

Reading and writing:

Hinemoa and Tutanekai, the star-crossed lovers of Rotorua



Read the story and highlight the sentences in the present simple.

The love story of Hinemoa and Tutanekai has been told on the shores of Lake Rotorua for centuries. Maori legend says that Tutanekai lives on Mokoia Island in the middle of Lake Rotorua. Every night, Tutanekai plays his flute and the sound of the music can be heard across the lake to the mainland, at Owhata, where he enchants the beautiful and noble Hinemoa who lives there. When Tutanekai paddles his waka (canoe) to visit the mainland, he comes face to face with Hinemoa and they fall in love. Tutanekai returned to his island, but from that moment on, every evening Tutanekai plays to guide Hinemoa across the water to him. Hinemoa's family does not approve of this relationship and, suspecting that something is going to happen, they hid all the wakas (canoes). However, this does not stop Hinemoa, who instead of the canoe finds six large, dry, empty gourds, uses them as floats and decides to swim to the island. Upon arrival, Hinemoa stops at a hot spring pool, Waikimihia, which is located near where the young Tutanekai lives, to warm up after the long trip through the cold water of the lake. Just then Tutanekai sends his servant to where Hinemoa is to collect water. He is pretending to be a man speaking in a hoarse voice, he asks him who the water was for and upon finding out that it was for Tutanekai he breaks the gourd in which the servant carries the water. The servant then returned to Tutanekai and informed him of what had happened. He sent the servant back to Hinemoa, not knowing that it was her, and each time the same thing happened. The young man, furious at what had happened, went down to the fountain and to his joy discovered that it was Hinemoa and... they lived happily ever after.



Write the sentences that are in present simple
