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THE MYSTERIOUS OLD HOUSE

In a small town, a group of friends decides to explore an old, abandoned house. They believe the house is haunted, but curiosity allows them to overcome their fear.

As they arrive at the front door, the wind blows hard, and the door creaks open by itself. The group clings to each other as they step inside. Shadows appear and disappear on the walls, and strange noises arise from the basement.

"Do we go down there?" one friend asks. Another answers, "We come this far; we can't go back now."

They check every room. In one room, they find a diary. The pages are old, and some are burned. The diary tells the story of a family who once lives there. It says they argue often, and one night, something bad happens.

Suddenly, the door bursts open, and the group feels a cold wind blow past them. They decide to climb down the stairs to the basement.

As they descend, a loud noise begins to bother them. They see a shadow cast on the wall, and then it vanishes.
"Is someone here?" they call out. No one answers.

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In the basement, they find a box. Inside, there are old photos, a bent key, and a letter. The letter says, "To achieve peace, leave us be."

The friends choose to leave the house. They carry the box with them and decide to take it to the local museum. They feel they do the right thing, and the house finally becomes quiet

Reading Comprehension Questions

What do the friends believe about the old house?
a. It is empty b. It is haunted c. It is for sale

What happens when the friends arrive at the house?
a. The door breaks b. The wind blows, and the door opens
c. They check every room

What do they find in the diary?
a. A story about a happy family b. A story about a family that argues often
c. A story about ghosts

What happens in the basement?
a. They find a box with photos, a key, and a letter
b. They meet a ghost c. They break the stairs

What do the friends do with the box?
a. They leave it in the house b. They take it to the museum
c. They burn it





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Questions in the present simple tense

Complete the following questions with the correct verb.

1. What does he every morning? (accept)
2. How does she her goals? (achieve)
3. Why do they their children to stay up late? (allow)
4. Where your brother? (be)
5. Who does she the phone to? (answer)
6. When does he on stage? (appear)
7. Why do they so often? (argue)
8. What problems during meetings? (arise)
9. When does the train ? (arrive)
10. What questions does she in class? (ask)
11. What time do you usually ? (awake)
12. What does your mom on weekends? (bake)
13. How much weight does the truck ? (bear)
14. How often does he his opponent? (beat)
15. What does she in her career? (become)

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Sort the words to form sentences in the present simple tense

- you / accept / do / the offer?
- he / does / often / achieve / his goals?
- allow / she / not / her kids / does / to eat candy.
- the class / do / always / answer / you / questions?
- appear / he / on TV / rarely / does?
- when / argue / do / they / usually?
- where / arise / does / this problem / often?
- why / the train / arrive / does / late / sometimes?
- who / awake / do / you / early?
- what / does / he / bake / on weekends?





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Dictation

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