

## A True Life Story

**Listen** to the story and **write** the missing verbs in past to complete it.

### Part 1

My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ both Russian but they \_\_\_\_\_ in London. My grandmother's story was the most interesting. She \_\_\_\_\_ a servant girl in Russia and she \_\_\_\_\_ for a rich family. During the First World War this rich family decided to move to London, and they \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother and some of their other servants with them. But when they \_\_\_\_\_ to London they decided they didn't need all these servants – they had too many – so they \_\_\_\_\_ not to keep my grandmother, perhaps they didn't have enough money to keep her... I don't know.



### Part 2

So anyway, they decided to take my grandmother for a walk in the centre of London – Oxford Street or somewhere like that, and they \_\_\_\_\_ to her "Wait here. We'll come back in a few minutes". And they just \_\_\_\_\_ and never \_\_\_\_\_.

And she waited and waited and \_\_\_\_\_. She was only sixteen years old, a poor servant girl from a farm in Russia... she \_\_\_\_\_ no English at all, and they \_\_\_\_\_ her alone in the centre of London – Can you imagine?

### Part 3



Anyway, she \_\_\_\_\_ around for hours and hours trying to find someone who spoke Russian and, in the end, she actually \_\_\_\_\_ some Russian people who \_\_\_\_\_ her to the Russian community in London. There was a big Russian community in Shoreditch in East London in those days.

And there she \_\_\_\_\_ my grandfather. He was forty-eight years old, and also Russian, and he decided he \_\_\_\_\_ a wife to look after him. So he \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother and they \_\_\_\_\_ two children, my father and my uncle. It's an amazing story, isn't it?