

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?