

THE MYSTERIOUS NOISE

COMPLETE THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS (PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS).

It was a cold and rainy Saturday night. The wind _____ (blow) hard and the rain _____ (fall) on the windows. Emma _____ (sit) on the sofa and _____ (read) a book while her cat _____ (sleep) next to her. The clock _____ (show) nine o'clock when she _____ (hear) a strange noise from the basement.

At first, she _____ (think) it was the wind, but the noise _____ (not stop). She _____ (get up) and _____ (turn off) the TV. Everything _____ (be) very quiet. While she _____ (walk) to the basement door, she _____ (feel) a little scared.

She _____ (open) the door slowly and _____ (go) down the stairs. The stairs _____ (make) a strange sound under her feet. Suddenly, the lights _____ (go) out and Emma _____ (freeze). She _____ (hear) something move behind the washing machine.

When she _____ (reach) the bottom, she _____ (see) a shadow on the wall. Her heart _____ (beat) fast while she _____ (try) to stay calm. "Who's there?" she _____ (say), but nobody _____ (answer). Then, her cat _____ (jump) from behind a box! Emma _____ (scream) and then _____ (laugh).

She _____ (pick up) the cat and _____ (decide) to go upstairs. But while she _____ (walk) up, her foot _____ (touch) something small. She _____ (look down) and _____ (find) a silver key on the floor. She _____ (never / see) it before, so she _____ (put) it in her pocket.

Later that night, while she _____ (try) to sleep, she _____ (keep) thinking about the key. When she _____ (get up) the next morning, she _____ (go) back to the basement and _____ (find) a little door behind some boxes.

She _____ (use) the key, and the door _____ (open) slowly. Inside, she _____ (see) an old box with a diary and a photo. The photo _____ (show) a family she didn't know, and the diary _____ (say): "The secret is still here..."