

Simple Past Tense

Read the fable, then select the appropriate past simple verb (V2) to complete the narrative story below.

The Mouse Deer and the Cucumber Farm

Once, in a green forest, _____ a little Mouse Deer named Kancil. Kancil _____ very small, but he _____ also very smart. Kancil _____ to eat fresh vegetables, especially crunchy cucumbers. Next to the forest _____ a farm. The farmer _____ a big field full of his favorite food.

Kancil _____ hungry one day. He _____ to go to the cucumber field. But the farmer _____ a tall fence around the field. The farmer also _____ the field every day. Kancil _____ he could not jump the fence and he could not run past the farmer. Kancil _____ a clever plan. He _____ near the fence and _____ to make sick sounds: "Ohh... Ahh... My stomach hurts..." He _____ on the ground and _____ not move.

The kind farmer _____ closer and _____ Kancil. "Oh dear, the poor mouse deer is sick!" the farmer _____. He _____ Kancil _____ dying. The farmer _____ bad. He carefully _____ Kancil up. "I will move you outside the fence so you can rest," the farmer _____. The farmer _____ Kancil on the soft grass far from the field. As soon as the farmer _____ his back to walk away, Kancil quickly _____ up! He _____ loudly, "Ha ha! Thank you, Mr. Farmer!" Then, Kancil quickly _____ into the cucumber field, _____ the juiciest cucumber, and quickly _____ back into the forest. Kancil's smart trick _____ perfectly!

The End.