

**COMPLETE THE STORY WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS IN
BRACKETS:**

I must admit I (NEVER BE) _____ a party person. I (ALWAYS ENJOY) _____ staying at home, reading a book or watching a film. That's the reason why I (BE) _____ so surprised yesterday when I (RECEIVE) _____ an invitation for a costume party. There (BE) _____ no name on the envelope, just an unknown address, so I (NOT KNOW) _____ who (WRITE) _____ the invitation, but I (ASSUME) _____ it (COME) _____ from a friend of mine who is very keen on this type of events.

I (NOT FEEL) _____ like accepting at all, but then I (THINK) _____ it might be rude to refuse an invitation, so I (START) _____ looking for a proper costume to wear. It (TAKE) _____ me some time to make up my mind but finally I (REMEMBER) _____ I (BUY) _____ a Santa Claus outfit for my nephew's Christmas party at school a couple of years ago. I (STORE) _____ it on the basement, so I (GO) _____ downstairs to look for it. As I (LOOK) _____ around, trying to find the box I (PUT) _____ it in, I suddenly (HEAR) _____ a strange noise. Someone (KNOCK) _____ on the basement door. I (OPEN) _____ it and there was my neighbour who (ONLY WEAR) _____ a towel. Apparently, he (LOCK) _____ himself out of his house and (NEED) _____ me to give him the extra set of keys.

By the time I (FINISH) _____ helping him, it (BE) _____ very late, so I (HURRY) _____ to look for my costume. I (FIND) _____ the box and when I (TAKE) _____ the costume out, I (REALIZE) _____ it

(LIE) _____ there for years and it (BE) _____ completely covered in dust. I (SHAKE) _____ it off and (PUT) _____ it on quickly. I (GRAB) _____ my keys and (GET) _____ in the car. When I (ARRIVE) _____ at the address on the invitation, I (NOTICE) _____ the house (BE) _____ completely dark. I (RING) _____ the bell, and suddenly the lights (TURN) _____ on and everyone (SHOUT) _____: "Surprise!". It (NOT BE) _____ a costume party at all. It (BE) _____ my own birthday party! Everyone (PLAN) _____ it for weeks, and they (WAIT) _____ for me for more than two hours.

Now that I (TELL) _____ you this story, I think it's the most embarrassing thing that (EVER HAPPEN) _____ to me!