

# Reading Suspense Stories

INSTRUCCIONES: LEE LA SIGUIENTE HISTORIA Y CLASIFICA LOS VERBOS REGULARES DE ACUERDO A SU CORRECTA PRONUNCIACIÓN.

## The Evil Mirror

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One morning Mr. and Mrs. Miranda found in an antique shop a strange and ancient mirror. The salesman told them that the mirror had belonged to a nobleman that, according to the legend, was a sorcerer. Mr. and Mrs. Miranda smiled incredulous of what they consider a hoax and they insisted in buying the mirror.

The Mirandas returned home, placed the mirror in the library, and showed it to their sons: Carl, who was 13 years old and Eddie who was 12. They also showed it to their sons' friend Mario.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Miranda left home, leaving the kids alone. Carl, Eddie, and Mario started making funny faces in front of the mirror. Suddenly,

something unusual happened: a forest appeared inside it.

The boys were surprised. The forest was so mysterious that they felt curious. After a discussion they decided to enter the mirror. Inside it they found a sidewalk that led to a lagoon.

Carl and Eddie dived into the lagoon wearing their underwear while Mario only took off his shoes to get his feet wet. All of a sudden the head of a fierce crocodile emerged from the water. Mario stepped back with a jump and screamed when the animal opened its mouth to attack him. At the same time, two more huge crocodiles headed directly towards Carl and Eddie with the intention of eating them.

Terrified, they desperately swam to the shore. Once they were out of the water they decided to return home. Before they realized, they were surrounded by darkness; the light that came from the moon shining in the sky allowed them to see owls with eyes of fire threatening them from the trees.

Suddenly, the trees began to attack them. Claws tore the boys' clothes and hurt them. The vine of a tree wrapped itself around Mario's neck and started to choke him. Carl remembered that he had a pocketknife with him. He took it out and managed to free his friend from danger.

The boys ran, closely pursued by their enemies. When they

reached the mirror they broke through it and returned home. Their enemies nearly caught them but they managed to escape.

Safe at home the boys saw that they had scratches all over. They discussed whether they should talk about their strange adventure; they knew that nobody would believe them. But knowing that the mirror was evil they decided to destroy it. They broke it into a thousand pieces with a baseball bat swearing that they would keep the secret forever.

When the boys' parents arrived they told them that, unintentionally, they had broken the mirror while they were playing. They explained that the scratches in their face and body were due to the glass pieces that flew when the mirror broke. Their parents believed them.



### Dictionary

Incredulous - incredulos  
Surprised - sorprendidos  
Curious - curiosos  
Terrified - aterrados

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| 1. insisted | 6. surprised  |
| 2. smiled   | 7. stepped    |
| 3. placed   | 8. decided    |
| 4. started  | 9. surrounded |
| 5. appeared | 10. discussed |

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