

**PAST SIMPLE****READING COMPREHENSION****1. Read the text.**

## The Mirror

*adapted from The Evil Mirror by Hilda Lima*

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez bought a mirror in an old antique shop. The salesman told them the mirror was haunted, but Mr. Rodriguez was incredulous. At home, Mr. Rodriguez hung the mirror in the library, and he showed it to his sons Charly and Eddie.



Later that day, the boys invited their friend Mario to play at their house. The three boys stood in front of the mirror and made funny faces. Suddenly, a mysterious forest appeared inside. The boys were super curious about the forest inside the mirror. Charly, Eddie, and Mario decided to enter the mirror. The boys walked in the forest until they found a lagoon. The three boys swam happily in the lagoon until three huge crocodiles attacked them! They got out and ran as fast as they could. Creatures with red eyes scared the boys. They ran desperately through the forest until they escaped the mirror and returned home. Finally, back at home, Charly broke the mirror with a baseball bat. The boys felt relieved, and they kept the secret about the Evil Mirror forever.

**2. Choose the correct answer.**

- Did Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez buy a TV?
- Did three crocodiles attack the boys?
- Did the boys swim in a swimming pool?
- Did the boys make funny faces in front of the mirror?
- Did the boys escape the mirror?
- Did the boys tell their parents what happened?

**3. Complete the following sentences with the correct past form of the verbs in brackets.**

- My mom \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) pasta last night.
- My grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the park yesterday.
- My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (be) terrified because of the storm last night.
- My father \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) the house because it \_\_\_\_\_ (look) horrible!
- My little sister \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the garden the whole morning.
- The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me that I am sick.
- My brother \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English at primary school.

h. My mom \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) working to visit my granny.

**4. Write the following sentences in their negative forms.**

- a. Our teacher checked our homework.
- b. I went to the shopping centre on Friday.
- c. Mary and Peter stayed up all night to watch their favourite TV show.
- d. My friends were at a party last Saturday.
- e. My dogs ate all their food.
- f. Dad called me this morning.
- g. My cat jumped to the table.
- h. We broke the window.