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"Simple past reading"

1. Complete the story by using the past form of the verbs in parentheses.

The rescue



Mia's black cat _____ (climb) to the top of a telephone pole and couldn't get down. "Come down, Spooky!" _____ (cry) Mia.

Mia _____ (think) hard. What could she do? She _____ (go) across the street to ask Mr. Carson for help. He _____ (be) a firefighter before he

_____ (retire). "What's the matter, Mia?" _____ (ask) Mr. Carson when he _____ (see) Mia's tears. "My cat is up on that pole, and I can't get her down!" Mr. Carson _____ (hug) Mia and _____ (say), "I'll call my buddies at the fire station. They will come and help."

A few minutes later, Mia _____ (see) the fire truck coming. The firefighters _____ (park) near the pole and _____ (raise) a long ladder to the top. A firefighter _____ (climb) the ladder and _____ (reach) out for Spooky. Just then, Spooky _____ (jump) to a nearby tree limb, _____ (climb) down the tree, and _____ (run) into the backyard. Mia _____ (say), "Spooky! You naughty cat!" Mr. Carson and the firefighters _____ (laugh) and _____ (laugh).

Taken from success with reading comprehension (Scholastic 2)