

# Instituto Universitario de Caldas

## “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).