Past Simple

COMPLETE THE PARAGRAPH WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF THE VERBS IN SIMPLE PAST TENSE

Mr and Mrs Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, _____ (BE) proud to say that they _____ (BE) perfectly normal, thank you very much. They _____ (BE) the last people you'd expect to be involved in anything strange or mysterious, because they just _____ (NOT HOLD) with such nonsense.

Mr Dursley _____ (BE) the director of a firm called Grunnings, which _____ (MAKE) drills. He _____ (BE) a big, beefy man with hardly any neck, although he did have a very large moustache. Mrs Dursley _____ (BE) thin and blonde and _____ (HAVE) nearly twice the usual amount of neck, which _____ (COME) in very useful as she _____(SPEND) so much of her time craning over garden fences, spying on the neighbours. The Dursleys _____ (HAVE) a small son called Dudley and in their opinion there _____(BE) no finer boy anywhere.

The Dursleys _____ (HAVE) everything they _____ (WANT), but they also _____ (HAVE) a secret, and their greatest fear _____ (BE) that somebody would discover it. They _____ (NOT THINK) they could bear it if anyone _____ (FIND) out about the Potters. Mrs Potter _____ (BE) Mrs Dursley's sister, but they hadn't met for several years; in fact, Mrs Dursley _____ (PRETEND) she _____ (NOT HAVE) a sister, because her sister and her good-for-nothing husband _____ (be) as unDursleyish as it ____ (BE) possible to be. The Dursleys _____ (SHUDDER) to think what the neighbours would say if the Potters _____ (ARRIVE) in the street. The Dursleys _____ (KNOW) that the Potters _____ (HAVE) a small son, too, but they had never even seen him. This boy _____ (BE) another good reason for keeping the Potters away; they _____ (NOT WANT) Dudley mixing with a child like that.