



Complete the text with the suitable form of the verb to be.

The boy who was afraid

Once upon a time a little boy named Mark who lived in Finland had lived a normal and happy life with his parents and siblings. He _____ (past perfect tense) afraid of anything for the first seven years of his life, but all of a sudden he told his father that there was a big snow monster after him.

The little boy enjoyed very much running around with his siblings, so he _____(past simple)_very hot_and he needed to rest for a little while. But then, after a few minutes, he would cry out to his siblings, "now I _____ (present simple) cold !".

Mark's father _____ (past simple) in a hurry to talk to his wife about the "snow monster" to figure out a way to help Mark. Mark's mother _____ (past simple) dubious and frightened for her little boy, so the parents decided to think of a game to play with all the children to help Mark relax and forget about the "snow monster".

The whole family _____ (past simple) very careful on planning the strategy, so they agreed on playing the game only outdoors with great rejoicing and shouting every time someone found a "snow monster".

The game consisted on making believe that any snow piling any place on the ground or on top of any structure, would be a snow monster, and that with the rejoicing and shouting they _____ (second conditional) successful in making the monster disappear.

Soon Mark realized that the monsters did not really exist and that he _____(present simple)_very lucky to have such a wonderful family to help him get rid of his fears.

Since then, Mark _____ (present simple negative) afraid anymore.