

Narrative Text

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Complete the following short story with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
Use the Past Simple.



A man in Puerto Rico _____ (has) a wonderful parrot. There was no other parrot like it. It was very smart. This parrot would say any word—except one. He would not say the name of the town where he was born. The name of the town was Catano.

The man _____ (try) to teach the parrot to say Catano. But the bird would not say the word. At first the man was very nice, but then he got angry. “You are a stupid bird! Why can’t you say the word? Say Catano, or I will kill you!” but the parrot would not say it. Then the man _____ (get) so angry that he shouted over and over, “Say Catano, or I’ll kill you!” but the bird wouldn’t talk.

One day after trying for many hours to make the bird say Catano, the man got very angry. He _____ (pick up) the bird and _____ (throw) him into the chicken house. “You are more stupid than the chickens. Soon I will eat them, and I will eat you, too.”

In the chicken house there are four old chickens. They _____ (be) for Sunday’s dinner. The man _____ (put) the parrot in the chicken house and left. The next day the man _____ (come) back to the chicken house. He opened the door and _____ (stop). He was very surprised at what he saw! He _____ (see) three dead chickens on the floor. The parrot was screaming at the fourth chicken, “Say Catano, or I’ll kill you!”