

Complete the sentences with the verbs in parentheses. Use the *simple past*, *simple present*, or *past progressive*.

Once upon a time, a king and his three daughters (live) _____ in a castle in a faraway land. One day while the king (think) _____ about his daughters, he (have) _____ an idea. He (form) _____ a plan for finding husbands for them.

When it (come) _____ time for the three daughters to marry, the king (announce) _____ his plan. He said, "I'm going to take three jewels to the fountain in the centre of the village. The young men (meet) _____ together there every day. The three young men who find the jewels will become my daughters' husbands."

The next day, the king (choose) _____ three jewels—an emerald, a ruby, and a diamond—and (take) _____ them into the village. He (hold) _____ them in his hand and (walk) _____ among the young men. First, he (drop) _____ the emerald, then the ruby, and then the diamond. A handsome man (pick) _____ up the emerald. Then a wealthy prince (spot) _____ the ruby and (bend) _____ down to pick it up. The king (be) _____ very pleased! But then a frog (hop) _____ toward the diamond and (pick) _____ it up. The frog (bring) _____ the diamond to the king and said, "I (be) _____ the Frog Prince. I (claim) _____ your third daughter as my wife."

When the king (tell) _____ Tina, his third daughter, about the Frog Prince, she (refuse) _____ to marry him. When the people of the land (hear) _____ the news about the frog and the princess, they (laugh) _____ and (laugh) _____. "Have you heard the news?" the people (say) _____ to each other. "Princess Tina is going to marry a frog!"

Tina (feel) _____ terrible. She said, "I (be) _____ the unluckiest person in the world." She (fall) _____ to the floor and (sob) _____. No one (love) _____ her, she (believe) _____. Her father (understand, not) _____ her. She (hide) _____

from her friends and (keep) _____ her pain in her heart. Every day, she (grow) sadder and sadder. Her two sisters (have) _____ grand weddings. Their wedding bells (ring) _____ with joy across the land.

Eventually, Tina (leave) the castle. She (run) _____ away from her family and (go) _____ to live in the woods by herself. She (eat) _____ simple food, (drink) _____ water from the lake, (cut) _____ her own firewood, (wash) _____ her own clothes, (sweep) _____ the floor herself, (make) _____ her own bed, and (take) _____ care of all her own needs. But she (be) _____ very lonely and unhappy.

One day Tina (go) _____ swimming. The water (be) _____ deep and cold. Tina (swim) _____ for a long time and (become) _____ very tired. While she (swim) _____ back toward the shore, she (lose) _____ the desire to live. She (quit) _____ trying to swim to safety. She (drown) _____ when the frog suddenly (appear) _____ and with all his strength (push) _____ Tina to the shore. He (save) _____ her life.

(9) "Why (save, you) _____ my life, Frog?"

"Because you (be) _____ very young and you (have) _____ a lot to live for."

"No, I (do, not) _____," said the princess. "I (be) _____ the most miserable person in the whole universe."

"Let's talk about it," (say) _____ the frog. And they (begin) _____ to talk. Tina and the Frog Prince (sit) _____ together for hours and hours. Frog (listen) _____ and (understand) _____. He (tell) _____ her about himself and his own unhappiness and loneliness. They (share) _____ their minds and hearts.

Day after day, they (spend) _____ hours with each other. They (talk) _____, (laugh) _____, (play) _____ and (work) _____ together.

One day while they (sit) _____ near the lake, Tina (bend) _____ down and, with great affection, (kiss) _____ the frog on his forehead. Poof! Suddenly the frog (turn) _____ into a man!

He (take) _____ Tina in his arms, and said, "You (save) _____ me with your kiss. Outside, I (look) _____ like a frog, but you (see) _____ inside and (find) _____ the real me. Now I (be) _____ free. An evil wizard had turned me into a frog until I found the love of a woman with a truly good heart!" When Tina (see) _____ through outside appearances, she (find) _____ true love.

Tina and the prince (return) _____ to the castle and (get) _____ married. Her two sisters, she discovered, (be) _____ very unhappy. The handsome husband (ignore) _____ his wife and (talk, not) _____ to her. The wealthy husband (make) _____ fun of his wife and (give) _____ her orders all the time. But Tina and her Frog Prince (live) _____ happily ever after.