

Learning Outcome: Listening comprehension
Writing Production Level: Group:

Student's name: Date:

The mystery story:

Last night I _____ home next to the river Thames, when something strange _____ to me. It was late at night and I _____ a long and difficult day at work. There was a large full moon in the sky and everything was quiet. I was tired and lonely and I _____ a few pints of beer in my local pub, so I decided to stop by the riverside and look at the moon for a while. I _____ on some steps very close to the water's edge and looked up at the big yellow moon and wondered if it really was made of cheese. I _____ very tired so I _____ my eyes and after a few minutes, I _____ asleep.

When I woke up, the moon _____ behind a cloud and it was very dark and cold. The wind _____ and an owl _____ in a tree above me. I rubbed my eyes and started to get up, when suddenly I _____ a splash. I _____ down at the water and saw something. Something terrible and frightening, and unlike anything I _____ before. Something _____ out of the water and moving towards me. Something green and strange and ugly. It was a long green arm and it _____ out from the water to grab my leg. I was so scared that I _____ move. I _____ so scared in my whole life. The cold green hand _____ closer and closer when suddenly there was a blue flash and a strange noise from behind me. Someone _____ onto the stairs next to me. He _____ strange clothes and he had a crazy look in his eyes. He shouted

"Get Back!" and _____ something at the monster in the water. There was a bright flash and the monster hissed and disappeared.

I looked up at the man. He looked strange, but kind. "Don't fall asleep by the river when there's a full moon", he said "The Moon Goblins will get you." I _____ of moon goblins before. I didn't know what to do. "Who... who are you?" I asked him. "You can call me... The Doctor." He said. I _____ to think of something else to say when he turned around and said, "Watch the stars at night, and be careful of the full moon". I was trying to understand what he meant, when there was another blue flash and I closed my eyes. When I opened them again, he_____.

I couldn't believe what _____. What on earth were Moon Goblins, and who was the mysterious Doctor? And why had he saved me? I was determined to find the answers to these strange questions. I stood up, looked at the moon and quickly walked home.

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