

E. Complete the story with the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Simple of the verbs in brackets.

Once upon a time there (1) _____ (live) a poor old woman and her son, Aladdin. The old woman (2) _____ (lose) her husband when the boy (3) _____ (be) just a child, and she (4) _____ (work) hard to provide for him. Now that he (5) _____ (grow) into a young man, he (6) _____ (do) his best to help her put food on the table.

One day, Aladdin's uncle, Mustafa, (7) _____ (come) to visit them. He (8) _____ (want) Aladdin to work for him. This was not the first time that Mustafa (9) _____ (ask) Aladdin to go with him. He (10) _____ (offer) him a job twice before, but because Aladdin's mother (11) _____ (not be) very strong or healthy, Aladdin (12) _____ (refuse) to go with him. This time, his mother (13) _____ (encourage) him to go. She (14) _____ (feel) that this (15) _____ (be) his chance to have a better life.

Aladdin (16) _____ (not want) to upset his mother, so he (17) _____ (agree), even though he (18) _____ (know) that he was going far away from his mother. Aladdin (19) _____ (never / leave) his mother on her own before, so he (20) _____ (be) very sad to leave. There was no way that he could know anything about the future.