

A Halloween story....

This is a story of a man who went fishing every night. He would always go alone because he enjoyed the silence. And even though he had to ride past the cemetery, he was never scared.

One night he was so tired that he _____ (1) asleep while fishing. When he _____ (2) it was 2 a.m. He took his bike and rode home. Suddenly he spotted a boy who _____ (3). He stopped to ask him why he _____ (4) alone in the dark. He replied that he _____ (5) and asked him for a lift. The fisherman agreed and the boy sat on the rear of his bike. The fisherman rode for a long time losing the sense of time. He was tired and did not know where he _____ (6) to.

Eventually he found himself in front of the cemetery gates. He was afraid. It was almost dawn. He turned around to check on the boy, but he was not there. Terrified the fisherman went home as fast as he could.

He told no one about what _____ (7) to him that night. Then, after a while, he heard a story about a little boy who _____ (8) at the place where he was fishing. His soul _____ (9) there for many years. The next morning he went to church and _____ (10) a candle for the poor boy's soul.

When the night fell he _____ (11) fishing again. And again he met the same boy at the gate of the cemetery. The boy stood there with a big happy smile on his face. This time the fisherman _____ (12) no fear.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT PAST TENSE TO COMPLETE THE STORY

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| 1. a) had fallen | b) fell | c) was falling |
| 2. a) woke up | b) was waking up | c) has woken up |
| 3. a) was crying | b) had cried | c) cried |
| 4. a) stood | b) was stood | c) was standing |
| 5. a) got lost | b) was getting lost | c) had got lost |
| 6. a) was riding | b) rode | c) had been riding |
| 7. a) happened | b) was happening | c) had happened |
| 8. a) had been drowning | b) had drowned | c) drowned |
| *9. a) had been wandering | b) was wandering | c) wandered |
| 10. a) lighted | b) lit | c) was lighting |
| 11. a) went | b) was going | c) had gone |
| 12. a) fell | b) felt | c) had felt |

***to wander** = *errer / aller sans but*

to go fishing

aller à la pêche

**scared / frightened
/ afraid**

avoir peur

a cemetery**/ a graveyard****/ a churchyard**

cimetière

to wake up

se réveiller

to cry / to weep

pleurer

alone

seul

to get lost

se perdre

**to give someone a
lift**

déposer qqn quelque part

*prendre qqn pour aller
quelque part (par
exemple: prendre qqn en
voiture)*

tired

fatigué

a gate

portail / grille (d'entrée)

dawn

l'aube

terrified

*avoir une peur folle / fou
de terreur*

to drown

se noyer

a soul

l'âme

a church

église

a candle

une bougie

a smile

un sourire