

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 ____FELL____ (1) asleep while fishing. When he ____WOKE UP____ (2) it was 2 a.m. He took his bike and rode home. Suddenly he spotted a boy who ____WAS CRYING____ (3). He stopped to ask him why he ____WAS STANDING____ (4) alone in the dark. He replied that he ____HAD GOT LOST____ (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 ____WAS RIDING____ (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 ____HAD HAPPENED____ (7) to him that night. Then, after a while, he heard a story about a little boy who ____HAD DROWNED____ (8) at the place where he was fishing. His soul ____HAD BEEN WANDERING____ (9) there for many years. The next morning he went to church and ____LIT____ (10) a candle for the poor boy's soul.

When the night fell he ____WENT____ (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 ____FELT____ (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 |

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