

The Old House

Name _____

Date _____

① Put the story in order

Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes.

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Suddenly, she heard a scream!

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Mia lit a candle in the old house.

☐

But it was only her cat!

☐

Then she found a locked door.

② Circle the past

0 Tom (find / found) a key.

1 Mia (hear / heard) a noise.

2 She (open / opened) the door.

3 Tom (see / saw) a shadow.

4 They (run / ran) to the window.

5 It (is / was) very dark.

③ Draw and write the twist

What did Mia find behind the locked door?

But it was only _____

☐ I can put a story in order and use the past.



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The Locked Door

Name _____

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① Write the verbs in the past simple

WORD BANK light hear open see run find

Last night Tom lit a candle in the old house. He _____ a locked door at the end of the hall. He _____ the door very slowly. Suddenly, he _____ footsteps behind him! He _____ a white shadow on the wall, so he _____ out of the house. In the end, he _____ it was his sister in a sheet!

One verb is used twice.

② Choose the linking word

WORD BANK Then Suddenly But So In the end

- 1 Mia heard a whisper. _____, she went upstairs to look.
- 2 The attic was dark, _____ she lit a candle.
- 3 _____, the candle went out!
- 4 She screamed and ran. _____ it was only the wind.
- 5 _____, Mia laughed and went to bed.

③ Your word cards

Write one sentence for each word in the past.

mirror

footsteps

☐ I can tell a short story in the past with linking words.



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Better Than "And Then"

Name _____

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① Make this story better

Rewrite it with no "and then". Use suddenly, while, just then, so, but or in the end.

We were in the attic and then we heard a noise and then the clock stopped and then we saw a face in the mirror and then we ran downstairs.

② Write your own ghost story

Use all four words: shadow, whisper, key, storm. Use the past continuous once (While we were...). The last line must be a twist!

☐ I can tell a story with linking words and a twist.



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Answer key

For the teacher. Answers that will vary are marked.

Support

1 1 Mia lit a candle... 2 Then she found a locked door. 3 Suddenly, she heard a scream! 4 But it was only her cat!

2 heard, opened, saw, ran, was

3 Answers will vary.

Challenge

1 Answers will vary, for example: "While we were in the attic, we heard a noise. Suddenly, the clock stopped. Just then, we saw a face in the mirror, so we ran downstairs."

2 Answers will vary. Check the four words, one past continuous and a twist at the end.

Core

1 found, opened, heard, saw, ran, found (find is used twice)

2 1 Then 2 so 3 Suddenly 4 But 5 In the end

3 Answers will vary.