

Most of the verbs in this skeleton are in the infinitive. Put in the past tense forms.

Once upon a time, there _____ (be) a farmer – _____ (have) wife. Wife _____ (be) pretty, but not too clever – and she _____ (talk) a *lot!*
She _____ (can't) stop talking.

One day in spring, he _____ (find) gold.
He _____ (think), "Wife will tell everybody. If king hears about gold, will take it."

But he _____ (have) clever idea. _____ (Dig) hole – _____ (bury) gold. _____ (Go) to town – _____ (buy) loaves of bread, a fish, a rabbit. All morning _____ (do) the work he _____ (have) to do.
When _____ (finish), _____ (go) home.

"Wife, I want mushrooms, let's look in forest."
"In April, husband?!? Mushrooms don't grow in April, they grow in autumn."
"Yes, in April, wife – think it is our lucky day!"

So _____ (take) baskets, _____ (start) walking.
They _____ (be) in forest, but _____ (not find) mushrooms.

But, "Husband, look, loaves of bread hanging on that tree!"
"Yes, that's a bread tree, wife. I tell you it is our lucky day!"
"Husband, I _____ (not know) about bread trees before. Oh, husband, how lucky we are, it is our lucky day." She _____ (put) bread into her basket.

"Wife, we _____ (find) bread tree – I'll see what I can catch with my basket in the field."

He _____ (pull) basket through long grass – in basket he _____ (catch) a fish!

"Husband, a fish in the field! I _____ (not know) fish _____ (live) in fields. I _____ (think) they _____ (live) in water!"

"Not when it is a lucky day, wife. Then you can catch fish everywhere!"

He _____ (put) fish to his ear. "Wife, fish just _____ (tell) me to catch rabbit in river."

"I _____ (not know) rabbits _____ (live) in water."

_____ (Go) to river, husband _____ (tie) rope to handle of basket,
_____ (throw) it into water.

_____ (Pull) it out – there _____ (be) a big rabbit in it!

"Husband, I _____ (not know) rabbits _____ (live) in water. I _____ (think) they _____ (live) in fields!"

"Not when it is a lucky day, wife. Then you can catch rabbits everywhere!"

"Oh, husband, how lucky we are – wonder what we will find next."

He _____ (put) rabbit to ear.

"Wife, rabbit _____ (tell) me to dig hole."

_____ (Dig) hole – "Wife, look – gold!"

"Oh, husband, how lucky we are – this is our lucky day!"

He _____ (tell) her she mustn't tell anyone. "Me, husband? Tell? No, never!"

Two days later – everyone _____ (know) about gold. Her neighbours _____ (know), even the king _____ (know).

King _____ (come) with soldiers, _____ (think) wife _____ (be) better person to ask.

“All gold in land is mine. When _____ (you find) it?
Where _____ (you find) it?”

Husband _____ (move) behind wife’s back – _____ (let) her do talking.
Wife _____ (be) very frightened.

“Oh, we _____ (find) it two days ago when we _____ (be looking) for mushrooms.”

“Mushrooms, in April? You _____ (be looking) for mushrooms in April?”

“Yes, I _____ (tell) my husband that, but he _____ (say) it _____ (be) our lucky day. And it _____ (be) – because we _____ (find) a bread tree!”

“_____ (you find) bread tree?”

“Yes, we _____ (do) and lovely loaves of bread they _____ (be), too.

And then my husband _____ (catch) a fish in the grass.”

“_____ (your husband catch) fish, in grass?”

“Yes, he _____ (do): it _____ (be) a lucky day! Fish _____ (tell) him to catch rabbit in river.”

“_____ (fish speak) to your husband?”

“Yes, it _____ (do)! We _____ (go) to river - then husband _____ (catch) rabbit in river!”

“_____ (husband catch) rabbit, in river?”

“Yes, he _____ (do): it _____ (be) a lucky day! Then rabbit _____ (tell) him to dig hole in ground!”

“_____ (rabbit speak) to husband?”

“Yes, it “Yes, he _____ (do): it _____ (be) a lucky day!”

And then we _____ (find) the gold!”

And woman _____ (smile) at king.

While wife _____ (be talking), husband _____ (stand) behind her back, he _____ (look) at king, _____ (tap) his finger against his head.

King _____ (turn) to husband.

“You poor man, with a wife as mad as that. I feel sorry for you.”

King _____ (put) his hand in his pocket, _____ (pull) out a purse of gold, _____ (give) it to the farmer.

“But I understand – the Queen is just the same.”