

*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.”