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Lucky escapes

Tune in to Writing

A narrative

1 Look at the pictures and put them in order. Discuss what you think happens in the story.



2 Read the story. Was your story similar or different?

This happens about three years ago. I have just moved into a new house with large rooms and a beautiful tree at the bottom of the garden. Everything's great, except, there's this dream I keep having.

In the dream I'm inside my house and there's a terrible storm. I hear a baby crying ¹yofusluir outside. I go into the garden, following the sound. It's raining ²ntialrrlyoe, so it's almost impossible to see anything. After a while, I hear the baby crying again.

The sound is coming from the bottom of the garden. I rush ³ioslynxua down the path. The baby is screaming ⁴adymI from behind a tree. Slowly, I take a look – immediately, the weather changes – it's warm and sunny, and instead of a desperate baby, I find a cat strolling ⁵calysual down the garden and into the house! I have this dream every night, knowing that the baby crying is really a cat and that the cat is fine.

Then, one Saturday afternoon, I'm at home. I can't play tennis as usual because there's a terrible storm. ⁶ludsenyd, I hear the baby crying just like in the dream! I run ⁷itedxceyl out into the garden and go straight to the tree. To my surprise, instead of finding a desperate baby, I find a badly injured cat. I try to pick it up, but it is scared of me and moves away. Eventually, I manage to carry it ⁸ilyefucar into the house.

I nursed it back to health and it's been living with me now for three years! A lot less trouble than a baby, I can tell you!

3 Solve the anagrams in bold 1–8 to find eight adverbs.

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4 Look at the paragraph below. What has been changed?

This happened about three years ago. I had just moved into a new house with large rooms and a beautiful tree at the bottom of the garden. Everything was great, except, there was this dream I kept having.

5 Rewrite the story putting the verbs into the correct past tense. Do not include the last paragraph.