

3. Telling stories in the past

Reread the story summary of Greyfriars Bobby and highlight all the verbs (Zeitwörter, Tunwörter) in the past. Look at them carefully.

Some of the verbs have a regular past tense form (regelmäßig).

Write them here:

snuggled stayed
lived belonged howled
died followed chased

CHALLENGE: Find a rule: How do you build the past tense form of a verb?

→ show your answer to your teacher.

Some of the words have an irregular past tense form (unregelmäßig).

Write them here:

was fell came wrote
stood went did spent
were felt let gave
made brought became

2. Correct the mistakes



Somebody hasn't been listening carefully here.
Read the story of Greyfriars Bobby
and correct the mistakes.

Greyfriars Bobby is the most famous dog who ever lived in ^{Scotland} America. He was so famous that a statue was put up to him in ^{Edinburgh} New York. We know that Bobby belonged to an Edinburgh ^{police man} teacher named John Gray. He was a Skye Terrier and his job was to help catch thieves. Bobby was very ^{good} bad at that.

But one bitterly cold ^{winter} summer day John Gray fell ill with a terrible fever. Bobby snuggled close to him to keep him warm. He stayed beside his master even when John Gray died.

He followed the funeral procession to Greyfriars churchyard.

After the funeral Bobby stayed at his master's ^{grave} house. He stood there and howled. He was very ^{Sad} happy. The days came and went, and still Bobby did not leave his master's house. ^{grave}

Dogs were not allowed in the churchyard, but James Brown, the grave-digger felt sorry for Bobby and let him stay. On cold nights he even invited him into his house and gave him some food.

When spring came, Bobby chased away all the ^{cats} birds in the churchyard. Mr. Brown was pleased, he didn't like the ^{cats} birds in the churchyard.

Bobby soon made lots of friends. Many people brought him ^{food} books and ^{water} pencils. The waiters of the restaurants nearby gave him leftovers to eat. Lonely old ladies sang to him when they came to the graveyard.

Bobby became very famous. The story of the happy and faithful dog was reported in all the newspapers. Soon the churchyard was crowded with sightseers, painters and photographers. Now there is even a bronze statue of Bobby outside Greyfriars churchyard and an Walt Disney ^{wrote a book} made a song about him. ^{an American lady}

Bobby spent fourteen years close to his master's grave. When he died, he was buried in a flowerpot in front of Greyfriars church. A hundred years later, a stone was put up to mark the spot. You can go to Greyfriars churchyard and see John Gray's and Bobby's graves.