

The Coin

Read the story and fill in the missing words.



Tom was not a coward. He was good at sports and he was not afraid of ghosts or spiders. But Tom _____ afraid of dogs. On his way to school there _____ a lot of houses with gardens. In one garden there _____ always a big brown dog. When Tim _____ to the garden, he crossed the street and _____ on the other side. But sometimes the dog _____ out in the street. Then Tom was very afraid. One day he _____ the dog on his side of the street. There was a small shop on this side of the street too. Tom was afraid and _____ into it.

“What can I do for you?” the shopkeeper _____. He _____ an old man with white hair. “I don’t... I’m... The dog . . . I’m afraid of the dog” Tom _____.

The old man _____ at Tom. Then he _____ into a room at the back of the shop. When he _____ back, he _____ a coin in his hand. It _____ old and there _____ a tiger on it. “Put it in your pocket,” the old man _____ to Tom, “it will help you.” “Thank you very much,” Tom _____ and he _____ out into the street.

There he _____ the big dog again. The dog _____ at Tom and Tom _____ at the dog. Then Tom _____ his hand in his pocket. The coin _____ there. Tom _____ feel it with his fingers. He _____ at the dog again and then he _____ on.

For the first time in his life he was not afraid of the dog. Tom felt very good.

The next day the brown dog was out in the street again. Tom _____ and said hello to him. Then he _____ on.

True or false? Circle the correct answer and correct the false sentences
Tom was afraid of dogs and spiders.
T F
One day Tom saw the dog on his side of the street.
T F
He went into a shop and bought some ice-cream.
T F
He gave the shopkeeper an old coin.
T F
He was not afraid of the dog because the coin made him feel strong.
T F
Tom was happy. He was not afraid of dogs any more.
T F

Now it's your turn:

What do you think about the coin? Was it magic? Does it also help in other situations?

Write another story about the coin. Plan your story:

