

“Farmhouse” by Sophie Blackall and Past Tense Irregular Verbs, Creative Writing

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.1.d

Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs (e.g., sat, hid, told).

Lesson Aims: Students will practice using the past tense of irregular verbs in a creative writing composition about the house of a grandparent or another significant older person in the student’s life.

Materials/Resources:

Book: “Farmhouse” by Sophie Blackall

Worksheet Printout

Pencils, Crayons or Markers optional

Lesson Activities:

1. Read “Farmhouse” as a class.
2. Students draw a picture of their grandparent’s childhood or current home.
3. Students read the irregular verbs on their worksheets. These verbs are listed at the end of this lesson with their verb base forms.
4. Practice making sentences with these words out loud.
5. Students use the words provided to write a short composition about their grandparent’s house and their family.
6. For extra reinforcement, do a picture walk through the book with students telling you what the characters are doing, using simple past tense (“thought” not “was thinking”).
7. Additional practice: print off the word pairs below. Stick the past tense to the whiteboard and give students the base. Students must individually match the base with the past tense. Make it a race if you dare.

Here stands a house where a family...

was

saw

broke

built

brought

caught

ate

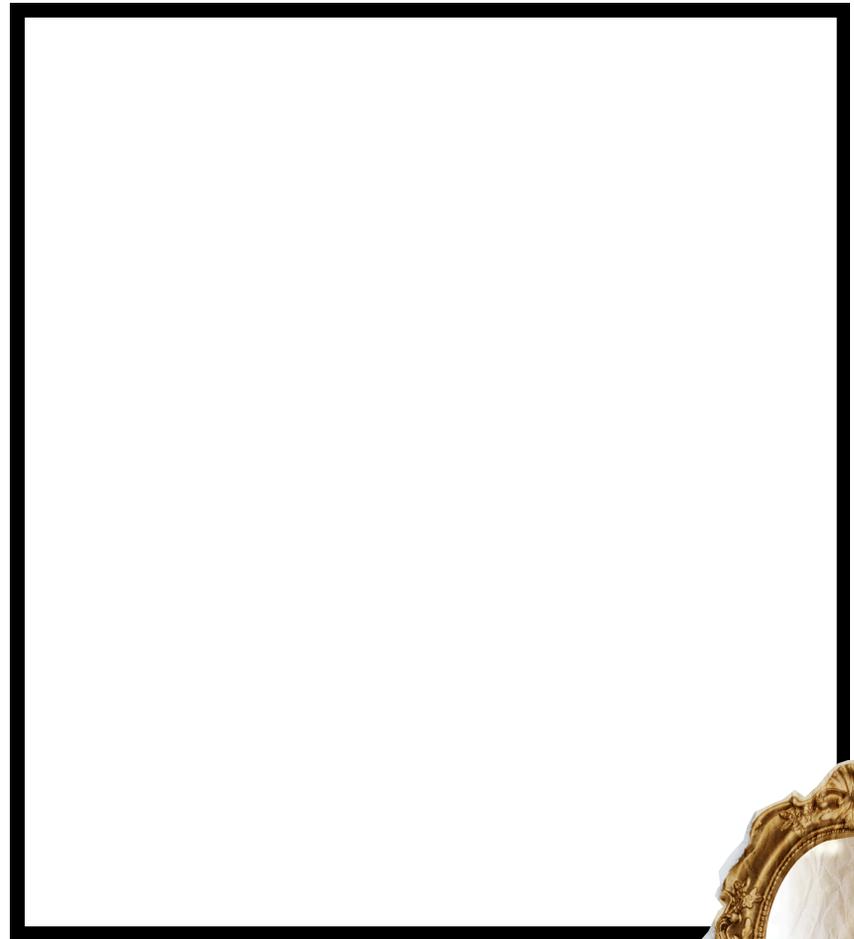
dreamt

found

learnt



Draw your grandma or grandpa's old house here:



Here stands a house where a family...



Draw your grandma or grandpa's old house here:

went

chose

kept

hid

hurt

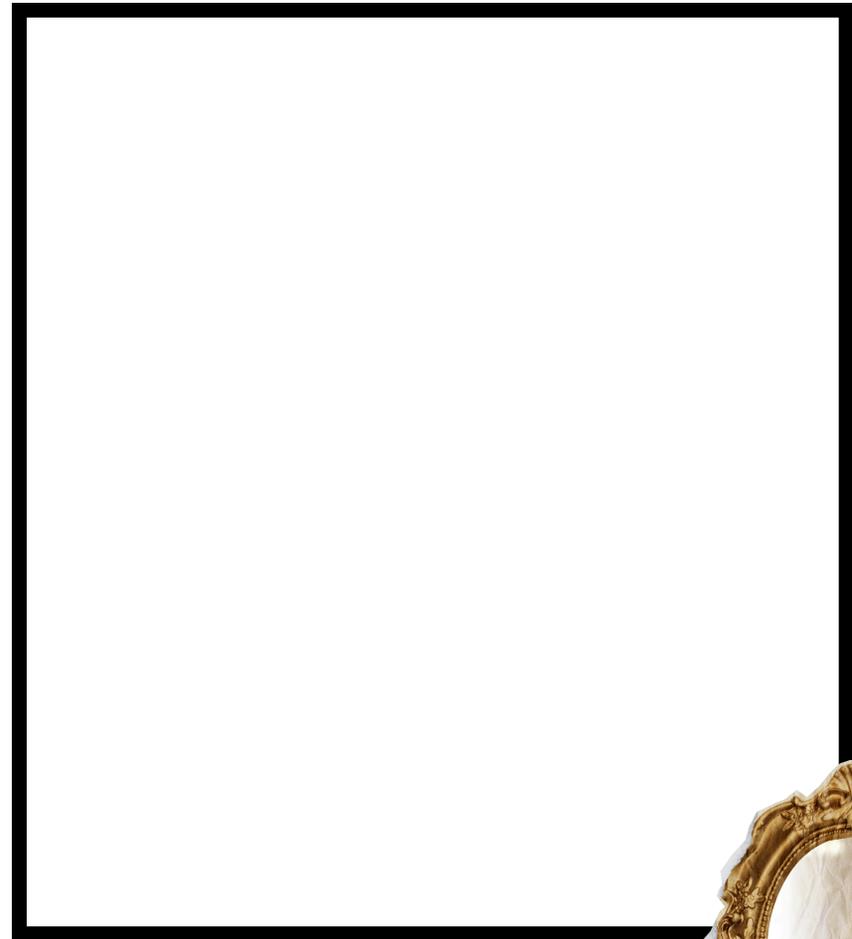
forgave

read

ran

sang

thought



Here stands a house where a family...

grew

swam

took

woke

made

rode

heard

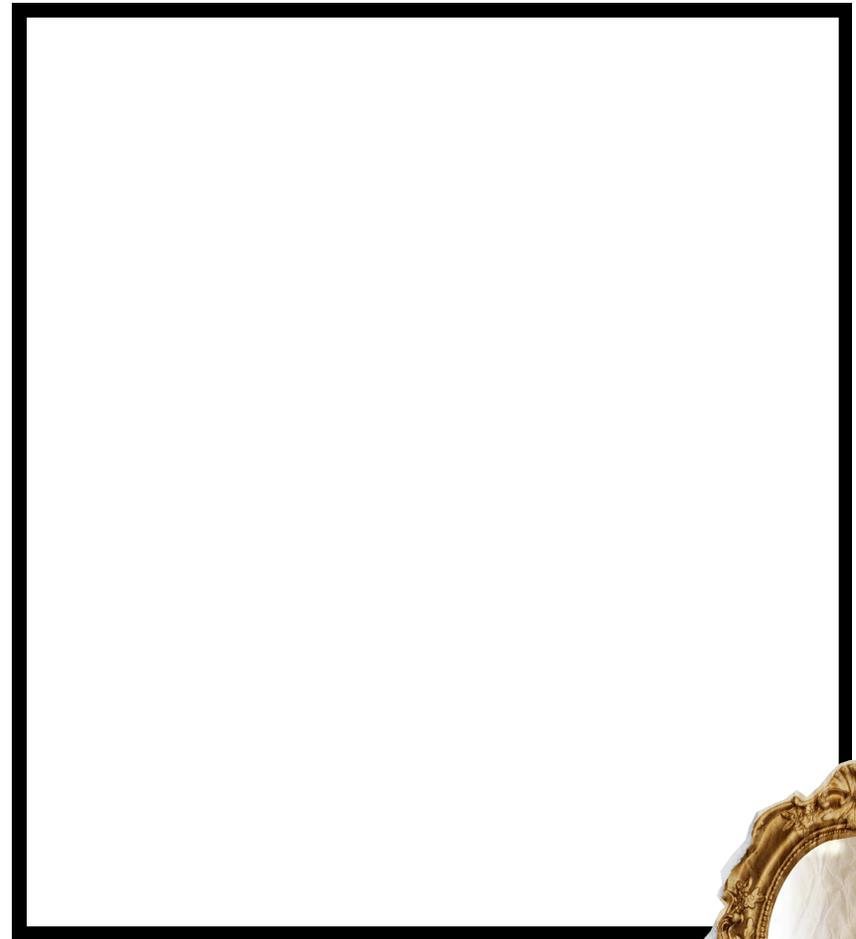
hung

gave

became



Draw your grandma or grandpa's old house here:



Base

Simple Past

Base

Simple Past

Base

Simple Past

be

was

go

went

grow

grew

see

saw

choose

chose

swim

swam

break

broke

keep

kept

take

took

build

built

hide

hid

wake

woke

bring

brought

hurt

hurt

make

made

catch

caught

forgive

forgave

ride

rode

eat

ate

read

read

hear

heard

dream

dreamt

run

ran

hang

hung

find

found

sing

sang

give

gave

learn

learnt

think

thought

become

became

Base

Simple Past

be

was

see

saw

break

broke

build

built

bring

brought

catch

caught

eat

ate

dream

dreamt

find

found

learn

learnt

Base

Simple Past

| | |
|---------|---------|
| go | went |
| choose | chose |
| keep | kept |
| hide | hid |
| hurt | hurt |
| forgive | forgave |
| read | read |
| run | ran |
| sing | sang |
| think | thought |

Base

Simple Past

| | |
|--------|--------|
| grow | grew |
| swim | swam |
| take | took |
| wake | woke |
| make | made |
| ride | rode |
| hear | heard |
| hang | hung |
| give | gave |
| become | became |