**past simple**

**A: Fill in the correct verb forms in past simple.**

The room where they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feed) the boys was a large stone hall. Their meal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) one small bowl of porridge ‚and no more‘ except on Sundays, when the master \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (give) the boys a piece of bread to go with the porridge. The bowls never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (need) washing. The boys \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (polish) them with their spoons until they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (shine) again. Then they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sit) staring at their empty bowls and still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) very hungry.

Oliver Twist and his companions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) a constant hunger for three months and then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) that one of the boys should walk up to the master after supper and ask for more. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (choose) Oliver. The evening \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), the boys \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (take) their places. The porridge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) served out and the boys \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (finish) it in seconds. Oliver \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rise) from the table and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) up to the master with his bowl and spoon in his hands. ‚Please, sir, I want some more.‘ The master \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a fat, healthy man, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (turn) very pale. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stare) at Oliver with great surprise. Nobody else \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dare) to speak. ‚What!‘ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (say) the mater at last. ‚Please, sir,‘ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (reply) Oliver, ‚I want some more.‘