

# Rikki-Tikki-Tavi

retold with 60 verbs

Look at the pictures and fill in the gaps with the verbs!  
Use the past tense (2<sup>nd</sup> form). Most of them are tricky!

Once upon a time, there \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of rain in the forest. It \_\_\_\_\_ a little mongoose out of its home. A boy and his father \_\_\_\_\_ the mongoose. The father \_\_\_\_\_ that he wasn't dead. They \_\_\_\_\_ him into the house. The mongoose \_\_\_\_\_ up and \_\_\_\_\_ their pet. He \_\_\_\_\_ in the boy's bedroom. He \_\_\_\_\_ around the house and \_\_\_\_\_ watch all night. In the morning the family \_\_\_\_\_ on the terrace. Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast with them. Then he \_\_\_\_\_ into the garden. He \_\_\_\_\_ two tailorbirds, Darzee and his wife. They \_\_\_\_\_ their nest of leaves. They \_\_\_\_\_ that their baby \_\_\_\_\_ out of the nest and a cobra \_\_\_\_\_ it. Then Nag, the cobra \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to scare Rikki away. Darzee's wife \_\_\_\_\_ Nagaina coming from behind. She \_\_\_\_\_ Rikki to watch out. Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ out of the way of her deadly bite. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ some treat for Rikki. When he \_\_\_\_\_ it to him, a snake \_\_\_\_\_ from the dust. Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ the snake and \_\_\_\_\_ it. At night, the two cobras \_\_\_\_\_ about their plan to kill the family. Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ everything.

Nag \_\_\_ in the bathroom. Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ himself onto the snake and \_\_\_ his head. Nag \_\_\_\_\_ himself wildly. But the brave mongoose \_\_\_\_\_ him tight and didn't \_\_\_ go. They \_\_\_\_\_ so loudly, that it \_\_\_\_\_ up the family. The father \_\_\_ up and \_\_\_\_\_ the snake with his gun. The next morning, Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ into the garden to the cobra nest. He \_\_\_\_\_ all their eggs. He \_\_\_ only one. Nagaina \_\_\_\_\_ the family having breakfast on the terrace. She \_\_\_\_\_ there to kill the boy. Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ to the terrace with the last egg in his mouth. He \_\_\_\_\_ the cobra so he \_\_\_ down the egg. Nagaina \_\_\_\_\_ up her last egg and \_\_\_ away. Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ her into a hole in the ground. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ that Rikki \_\_\_\_\_ the fight and \_\_\_\_\_ in there. But he \_\_\_\_\_ and he \_\_\_\_\_ out alive. Darzee \_\_\_\_\_ around the garden and \_\_\_\_\_ a song of the good news. The family \_\_\_\_\_ Rikki as their favourite pet and he \_\_\_\_\_ with them happily for many years.

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