

Narrating past events

PRESENTATION

Unfortunately this is a *true* story. In January 1978 the firemen were on strike, and the army took over the job of answering emergency calls.

1 Here is a list of verbs in the *Past Simple* which tell the events of the story.

Look at the pictures and put the verbs in the right order.

Number them 1–10.

- rescued
- arrived
- climbed
- killed
- called
- invited
- couldn't get down
- ran over
- put up (the ladder)
- offered

2 Here is a list of verbs in the *Past Continuous* which describe the scene of the narrative.

Look at the pictures and put the verbs in the right order.

Letter them a–d.

- was waiting
- were leaving
- was working
- was playing

3 Now complete the story about Mrs Brewin by putting a number or a letter into each gap.

On 14 January 1978 Mrs Brewin _____ in her garden. Her cat,

