

11.

SANTA'S SURPRISE
Preterite and Imperfect Tenses

The following verbs will complete a drawing.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

1. Read the paragraph and decide whether to use the Preterite or the Imperfect tense.
2. Find the correct form of the verb from the list.
3. Fill in the area on the drawing that matches the number.

It was nine o'clock and outside it was snowing. Johnny went to the kitchen and, after pouring a tall glass of milk, he put it next to the plate of cookies by the fireplace. He wrote a quick note and then excitedly went to bed. He knew who was coming. Sure enough, while he was sleeping, a visitor arrived. Unlike other visitors, this one came down the chimney, complete with soot and a hearty laugh that announced his presence. He was jolly, had a big tummy, and was smiling. He was carrying a large sack and inside there were many gifts. In a moment he saw the cookies and began to smile. Every year Johnny gave him the same delicious tokens of his feelings. Hungry, the visitor ate all the cookies and drank every drop of milk. Then, with all the gifts distributed and all the stockings filled, he quickly went up the chimney. His tiny reindeer were waiting. In the wee hours of this cold December morning they left, leaving behind wondrous treasures for a very lucky little boy.

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| 1. venía | 21. sonreía | 41. puso |
| 2. se acostó | 22. vinieron | 42. empezaba |
| 3. fueron | 23. empezó | 43. ponía |
| 4. comía | 24. salió | 44. comieron |
| 5. fue | 25. era | 45. tenía |
| 6. llevaba | 26. supo | 46. salieron |
| 7. sonrió | 27. nevó | 47. llegaba |
| 8. nevaba | 28. daba | 48. hubo |
| 9. estuvo | 29. llevó | 49. bebió |
| 10. sacaban | 30. vino | 50. veía |
| 11. bajó | 31. vio | 51. vinieron |
| 12. escribía | 32. bajaba | 52. sacaba |
| 13. tuvo | 33. esperó | 53. bebía |
| 14. eran | 34. esperaban | 54. dieron |
| 15. durmió | 35. dio | 55. dormía |
| 16. comía | 36. había | 56. llevaban |
| 17. escribió | 37. visitaba | 57. subía |
| 18. bebieron | 38. llegó | 58. comió |
| 19. sabía | 39. se acostaba | 59. esperaron |
| 20. salían | 40. subieron | 60. subió |

