

## 97 Review of verb tenses

► Finder 39–52

Complete this newspaper report. It tells a true story. Put each verb in brackets into the correct tense. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

Rats (►) . . . *aren't* . . . (be not) really very popular animals. But now a rat called Fido (1) . . . . . (do) something to improve their image. The young rat, who (2) . . . . . (live) in Torquay with the Gumbley family, (3) . . . . . (lie) in his cage in the middle of the night when an electric heater (4) . . . . . (start) a fire on the ground floor of the house. Fido (5) . . . . . (notice) that someone (6) . . . . . (forget) to shut his cage door properly, so he (7) . . . . . (jump) out, (8) . . . . . (run) upstairs and (9) . . . . . (scratch) at the door of the bedroom where Lisa Gumbley and her two daughters (10) . . . . . (sleep). Nine-year-old Megan (11) . . . . . (wake) up. When she (12) . . . . . (open) the bedroom door, she (13) . . . . . (see) Fido. As she (14) . . . . . (carry) him back down to his cage, she (15) . . . . . (see) the smoke and flames. But the fire (16) . . . . . (only just start) – it (17) . . . . . (not burn) for long. When mum, Megan and three-year-old Shannon (18) . . . . . (get) safely out of the house, they (19) . . . . . (call) the fire brigade, which soon (20) . . . . . (bring) the fire under control. 'We (21) . . . . . (owe) our lives to Fido,' said Lisa. 'He (22) . . . . . (not run) away. He (23) . . . . . (save) us, and we (24) . . . . . (love) him. At the moment (25) . . . . . (he/have) a special chocolate treat. (26) . . . . . (we/make) a fuss of him all day.' One firefighter said (27) . . . . . (we/hear) of dogs and cats doing this but never a rat before.'