
Past & Present

Change the text from the *Present Tense* to the *Past Tense*, then complete the story.

Andy wakes up in, what seems to be, the middle of the night. Above the noise of the howling wind and rain, he can hear a noise, a squeaking perhaps. Or is it? Lying still, he feels that something is watching him. He peers into the darkness and the shadows seem to peer back at him.

Now he is almost certain there is a scrabbling sound from beyond the bottom of the bed. He reaches out to turn on his bedside lamp. There is a click, but no light. The storm must be bringing the power cables down. He remembers the torch in his bedside drawer. He reaches down, opens it and fumbles inside, but the torch is not there.

He lies, trembling in a bed that does not feel as comfortable as it once was. Sweat gathers on his forehead, making him shiver.

What is making that squeaking, scuffling sound? He slowly raises his head and, to his horror, sees...

Now, it's your turn...

To convert the story into Past Tense, which type of word will you need to look for and change?

What's going to happen next, as you continue the story? What is at the foot of Andy's bed?

Final thought...

How does changing the tense affect the feel of the story? Is it more, or less tense, for being changed to Past Tense?