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| **9 Story Chain** | |
| **Target:** | Grammar(Past Tense) |
| **Time:** | 20+ minutes (depending on class size) |
| **Materials:** | * Beginning of a short story * Strips of paper with verbs written on them |
| **Procedure:** | 1. The teacher begins by telling the students the beginning of a short story. The students arrange their seats in a large circle, and each student takes a slip of paper with a verb in dictionary form on it. 2. After the beginning of the story is told, each student must continue the story by making a sentence using the verb (in past tense!) they were given.   Ex. *On a cold stormy night, Bob and Bill were walking home from school when they saw a shape in the distance…*  *Student A’s verb: think 🡪 Bob and Bill thought they saw a ghost!*  *Student B’s verb: walk 🡪 So, they walked home as fast as they could.*  *Student C’s verb: feel 🡪 Suddenly, Bill felt a hand on his shoulder!* |
| **Variations:** | The level of the story and the verbs will determine the difficulty of the activity. |
| **Notes:** | Scary stories and funny stories work well! Encourage students to use their imagination to make it interesting. |

*Game idea from Betty Azar’s Expansion Activities (*[*www.azargrammar.com*](http://www.azargrammar.com)*)*