Most of the verbs in this skeleton are in the infinitive. Put in the past tense forms.

Once upon a time, there _______ (be) a farmer – _______ (have) wife. Wife _______ (be) pretty, but not too clever – and she _______ (talk) a lot!
She _______ (can’t) stop talking.

One day in spring, he _______ (find) gold.
He _______ (think), “Wife will tell everybody. If king hears about gold, will take it.”

But he _______ (have) clever idea. _______ (Dig) hole – _______ (bury) gold. _______ (Go) to town – _______ (buy) loaves of bread, a fish, a rabbit. All morning _______ (do) the work he _______ (have) to do.
When _______ (finish), _______ (go) home.

“Wife, I want mushrooms, let’s look in forest.”
“In April, husband?? Mushrooms don’t grow in April, they grow in autumn.”
“Yes, in April, wife – think it is our lucky day!”

So _______ (take) baskets, _______ (start) walking.
They _______ (be) in forest, but _______ (not find) mushrooms.

But, “Husband, look, loaves of bread hanging on that tree!”
“Yes, that’s a bread tree, wife. I tell you it is our lucky day!”
“Husband, I _______ (not know) about bread trees before. Oh, husband, how lucky we are, it is our lucky day.” She _______ (put) bread into her basket.

“Wife, we _______ (find) bread tree – I’ll see what I can catch with my basket in the field.”
He _______ (pull) basket through long grass – in basket he _______ (catch) a fish!
“Husband, a fish in the field! I _______ (not know) fish _______ (live) in fields. I _______ (think) they _______ (live) in water!”
“Not when it is a lucky day, wife. Then you can catch fish everywhere!”

He _______ (put) fish to his ear. “Wife, fish just _______ (tell) me to catch rabbit in river.”
“I _______ (not know) rabbits _______ (live) in water.”

_______ (Go) to river, husband _______ (tie) rope to handle of basket, _______ (throw) it into water.
_______ (Pull) it out – there _______ (be) a big rabbit in it!
“Husband, I _______ (not know) rabbits _______ (live) in water. I _______ (think) they _______ (live) in fields!”
“Not when it is a lucky day, wife. Then you can catch rabbits everywhere!”
“Oh, husband, how lucky we are – wonder what we will find next.”

He _______ (put) rabbit to ear.
“Wife, rabbit _______ (tell) me to dig hole.”
_______ (Dig) hole – “Wife, look – gold!”
“Oh, husband, how lucky we are – this is our lucky day!”
He _______ (tell) her she mustn’t tell anyone. “Me, husband? Tell? No, never!”
Two days later – everyone _____ (know) about gold. Her neighbours ________ (know), even the king ________ (know).

King ________ (come) with soldiers, ________ (think) wife ________ (be) better person to ask.
“All gold in land is mine. When ________ (you find) it?
Where ________ (you find) it?”

Husband ________ (move) behind wife’s back – ________ (let) her do talking.
Wife ________ (be) very frightened.

“Oh, we ________ (find) it two days ago when we ________ (be looking) for mushrooms.”
“Mushrooms, in April? You ________ (be looking) for mushrooms in April?”
“Yes, I ________ (tell) my husband that, but he ________ (say) it ________ (be) our lucky day. And it ________ (be) – because we ________ (find) a bread tree!”

“________ (you find) bread tree?”
“Yes, we ________ (do) and lovely loaves of bread they ________ (be), too.

And then my husband ________ (catch) a fish in the grass.”
“________ (your husband catch) fish, in grass?”
“Yes, he ________ (do): it ________ (be) a lucky day! Fish ________ (tell) him to catch rabbit in river.”
“________ (fish speak) to your husband?”
“Yes, it ________ (do)! We ________ (go) to river - then husband ________ (catch) rabbit in river!”
“________ (husband catch) rabbit, in river?”

“Yes, he ________ (do): it ________ (be) a lucky day! Then rabbit ________ (tell) him to dig hole in ground!”
“________ (rabbit speak) to husband?”
“Yes, it “Yes, he ________ (do): it ________ (be) a lucky day!”
And then we ________ (find) the gold!”
And woman ________ (smile) at king.

While wife ________ (be talking), husband ________ (stand) behind her back, he ________ (look) at king, ________ (tap) his finger against his head.
King ________ (turn) to husband.
“You poor man, with a wife as mad as that. I feel sorry for you.”

King ________ (put) his hand in his pocket, ________ (pull) out a purse of gold,
________ (give) it to the farmer.
“But I understand – the Queen is just the same.”