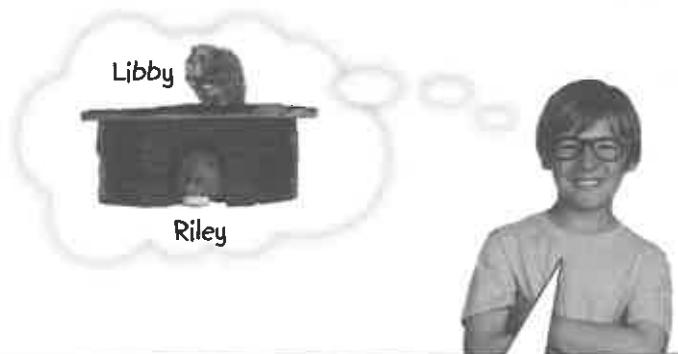


B Kylie and her classmates are listening to the next participant's story. Fill in the blanks with the given words. 9 marks (1 mark each)

a long time ago	after that
at last	because
first	however
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(1) _____, a boy named Scott adopted two hamsters whose names were Libby and Riley. One day, Scott went to a shop and wanted to buy some food for his hamsters. At the shop, the shopkeeper whispered to him, 'Try these rainbow seeds. (2) _____ you feed your hamsters these seeds, some unbelievable things will happen.' Scott was curious and decided to buy the seeds. The shopkeeper continued, '(3) _____ feed your hamsters the red and yellow seeds. (4) _____, feed them the green and purple seeds.' Then Scott went home with the seeds and fed Libby and Riley right away. (5) _____, nothing happened. Scott felt disappointed. Suddenly, he heard someone talking to him. 'Scott, I'm Libby. Riley and I can speak like human now (6) _____ the seeds are working perfectly.' Scott was shocked but happy. Libby and Riley could not wait to tell Scott everything about themselves. (7) _____ they kept talking to Scott for the whole night. The next day, Scott wanted to try the seeds himself so he ate some. Unfortunately, Scott could only talk like a hamster. He went back to the shop and found the shopkeeper. The shopkeeper said, '(8) _____ you find ten rainbow mushrooms for me in the forest, I won't help you at all.'

(9) _____, Scott found ten rainbow mushrooms for the shopkeeper. The shopkeeper thanked him by giving him some more magic seeds. After taking them, Scott could speak both the human language and the hamster language. Libby and Riley were happy again.