

GRAMMAR REVISION (Past Passive & Present Continuous for future meaning)

A. Choose the correct verb forms in this news report about a storm

Millions of pounds' worth of damage **1. has caused / has been caused** by a storm which **2. swept/ was swept** across the north of England last night. The River Ribble **3. burst/was burst** its banks after heavy rain. Many people **4. rescued/were rescued** from the floods by fire-fighters, who **5.received/were received** hundreds of calls for help. Wind speeds **6.reached/were reached** ninety miles an hour in some places. Roads **7.blocked/were blocked** by fallen trees, and electricity lines **8.brought/were brought** down, leaving thousands of homes without electricity. "everything possible **9. did/was done**", a spokesman **10. said /was said**.

B. In each of the sentences underline who or what is doing the action (the agent).

1. The traffic was all heading out of town.
2. The photo was taken by my brother.
3. The water was pouring out of the hole.
4. A policeman has been murdered by terrorists.
5. We were woken by the alarm.
6. The guide led a group of tourists around the castle.
7. The dog has bitten several people.

C. Make **PASSIVE** sentences from the prompts.

1. The Olympics / hold / London/2012/in. _____
2. presents / give / you/what/ at Christmas? _____
3. Gold coins / use / in business / in the past. _____
4. Asia/ affect / tsunami/2009/in. _____
5. drugs/ lorry / discover / the/when/the/stop. _____

D. Complete the passive sentences in the conversation. Use a phrase with by only if it adds information.

Laura is writing to a friend. This is a part of her letter:

Someone broke into our house at the weekend. The burglar took some jewellery. But luckily he didn't do any damage. A very nice young police officer interviewed me. Detectives found some fingerprints, and the police computer identified the burglar. Police have arrested a man and are questioning him. But they haven't found the jewellery.

Laura: Our house **was broken into at the weekend.**

Melanie: Oh no!

Laura: Some jewellery 1. _____ . But luckily no damage 2. _____

Melanie: Did the police come and see you?

Laura: Yes, they did. I 3. _____.

Melanie: I don't suppose they know who did it.

Laura: Well, amazingly they do. Some 4. _____, and the 5. _____.

A man 6. _____ and 7. _____.

Melanie: Wonderful!

Laura: There's only one problem. The 8. _____.

E. Write a paragraph from notes about the first motor car. Some sentences are active and some are passive.

1. a Belgian called Etienne Lenoir/make/the first motor car
2. But/Lenoir /not produce/ many cars/ for sale
3. A German called Karl Benz/ start/ commercial production
4. people/now/see/Benz/as the father/of the motor car

The first _____ . But Lenoir _____ . Commercial _____ . Benz _____ .

F. Below is the agenda of Johnny. Write sentences about his plans according to the information.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
a.m. (in the morning)	10.30 Meeting with group members for project	09.30 Physics lab	10.00 Dentist	10.15 Meeting with group members for project	09.30 Literature class
p.m. (in the afternoon)	03.00 swimming class 05.00 A play at City Theatre	01.00 Lunch with friends	02.00 Maths class	02.30 Tennis match with Dennis	01.30 Maths class 04.00 Guitar class

1. _____ on Monday.
2. _____ on Monday.
3. _____ on Monday.
4. _____ on Tuesday.
5. _____ on Tuesday.
6. _____ on Wednesday.
7. _____ on Wednesday.
8. _____ on Thursday .
9. _____ on Thursday.
10. _____ on Friday.
11. _____ on Friday.
12. _____ on Friday.