

DAY 59. PASSIVE VOICE 2

Practice

1 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word in brackets.

- 1 The customs officer insisted that I open my suitcases. (made)
I the customs officer.
- 2 A farmer let us park the caravan in his field overnight. (permission)
We the farmer's field overnight.
- 3 A lot of people think the government is out of touch with public opinion. (felt)
It out of touch with public opinion.
- 4 Some people believe that the proposed legislation is unworkable. (considered)
The proposed legislation
- 5 A witness saw the man hide something in his carry-on bag. (seen)
The man in his carry-on bag.
- 6 There's a risk of a large multinational taking over our small company. (getting)
Our small company is at risk of

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the newspaper extract and the dialogue below. Then use the words in the box to complete both.  4.20 Listen and check.

be taken over forced to make got criticised has been suggested have criticised
interested it is reported that made to cut down on they say think thought to be

Bad news for history fans

THE POPULAR Ancient History TV channel is

(1) to be in danger of closing down. The channel is said

(2) losing a million dollars

a week. Despite reasonable viewing figures, it has been unable to attract sufficient advertising, and investors (3)

the company's chief executive for failing to trim expenses. Last month the channel was

(4) redundancies in its production team, but the savings have not been sufficient to stave off the impending financial crisis. It (5) that a larger

channel might be interested in taking over, but NBC, CNN and HBO have all denied having any interest. However, (6)

the BBC may wish to buy some of the channel's award-winning documentaries.



DENISE You like watching the Ancient History channel, don't you?

ANDREA Yes, I really like it.

DENISE Well, people (7) it might be closing down.

(8) it's losing millions of dollars every week.

ANDREA That's a pity. I know the boss

(9) for not making enough cuts last year. And weren't they (10) their programming?

DENISE I don't know. But it seems they just don't get enough advertising.

ANDREA Perhaps it could

(11) by another channel ...

DENISE I don't think any of them are

(12)

ANDREA What about those documentaries? Someone like the BBC might want them ...