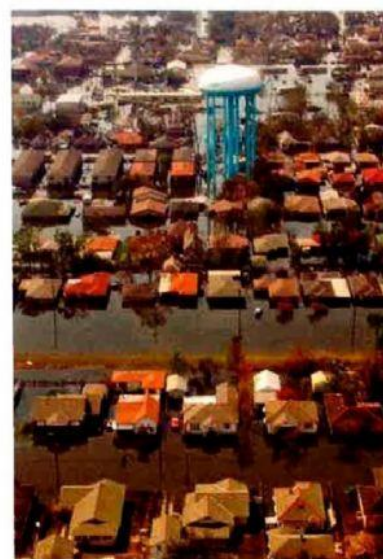


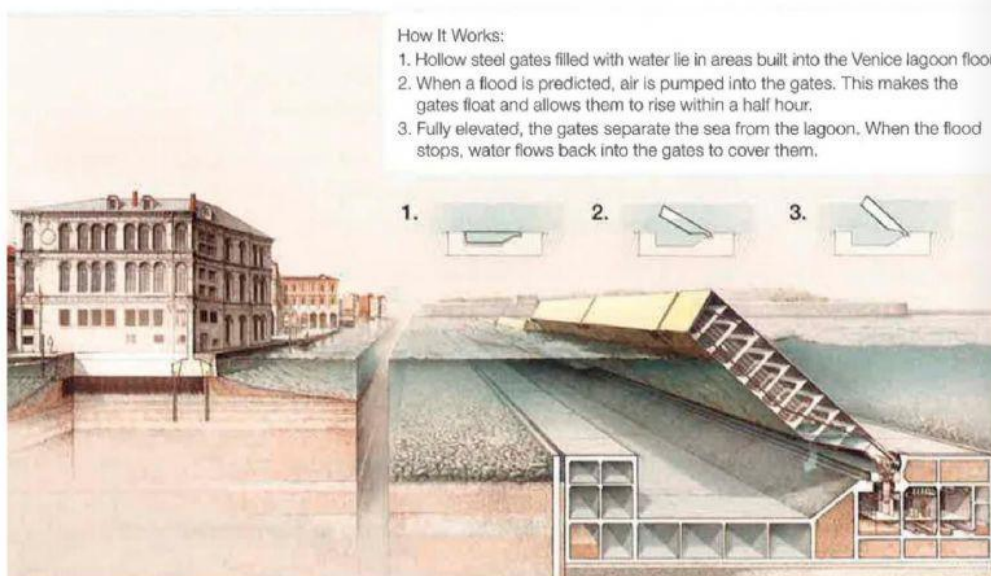
A | Complete each sentence with the passive voice of the verb in parentheses. Use the correct verb tense.

1. New Orleans _____ badly _____ (damage) during Hurricane Katrina in 2005.
2. Eighty percent of the city _____ (flood).
3. Some parts of New Orleans _____ still _____ (rebuild).
4. There have been many meetings to discuss how a similar disaster _____ (can, avoid) in the future.
5. A conference on this subject _____ (hold) next year.
6. Meanwhile, tourists are returning to New Orleans, and many conventions _____ (hold) there every year.



Hurricane Katrina flooded the city of New Orleans, Louisiana.

B | Study the diagram of the MOSE flood barrier project in Venice. Work with a partner to complete the conversation about the diagram. Complete the sentences with the active or passive voice of the verb in parentheses. Use the correct tense.



1. **A:** Where will the barriers be constructed (construct)?
B: They _____ (construct) in the three places where water enters the Venice lagoon from the Adriatic Sea.
2. **A:** What _____ the barriers _____ (consist) of?
B: They _____ (consist) of 78 giant gates, 92 feet (28 meters) wide and 65 feet (20 meters) across.
3. **A:** What _____ the gates _____ (attach) to?
B: They _____ (attach) to giant concrete bases lying on the sea floor.
4. **A:** When _____ the gates _____ (raise)?
B: Whenever a high tide _____ (predict) and there is a danger of flooding in the city.
5. **A:** How _____ the gates _____ (raise)?
B: Air _____ (pump) into hollow panels in the gate. This _____ (force) the gate to rise and form a barrier against the waves.
6. **A:** When _____ the project _____ (complete)?
B: If everything goes as planned, it _____ (complete) in 2012.