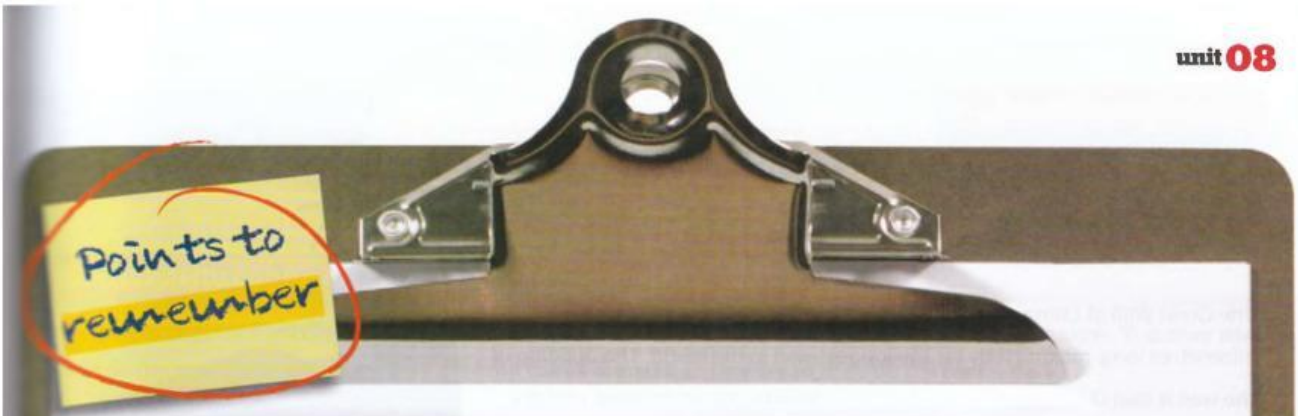

Points to remember

- They **gave** him **a puppy** for his birthday. ➔
  He was given **a puppy** for his birthday. ✓
  A puppy was given **to him** for his birthday. ✓
  ~~A puppy was given him for his birthday.~~
  We **bought** Susan a new camera. ➔
  A new camera **was bought for** Susan. ✓
  *(Use the prepositions **to** and **for** before the indirect object - person - of passive verbs.)*
- We **heard** him **say** that he was guilty. ✓
  ~~We **heard** him **to say** that he was guilty.~~
  He **was heard to say** that he was guilty. ✓
  ~~He **was heard say** that he was guilty.~~
  (see, hear + bare infinitive in Active Voice;
  see, hear + full infinitive in Passive Voice)
- Joe **helped** Sue **carry/to carry** her suitcase. ➔
  Sue **was helped to carry** her suitcase. ✓
  ~~Sue **was helped carry** her suitcase.~~
  (help + full / bare infinitive in Active Voice;
  help + full infinitive in Passive Voice)
- Mary **made** the children **wash** their hands. ✓
  ~~Mary **made the children to wash** their hands.~~
  The children **were made to wash** their hands. ✓
  ~~The children **were made wash** their hands.~~
  (make + bare infinitive in Active Voice;
  make + full infinitive in Passive Voice)
- The dangerous scenes of the film were performed **by stuntmen**.
  The forest was destroyed **by fire**.
  The photograph was taken **with an expensive camera**.
  (by + agent (person or thing), with + instrument)
- **Who wrote** this essay? ➔
  Who(m) was this essay **written by**? ✓
  By whom was this essay **written**? ✓
  ~~**Who was this essay written**?~~
  What caused the power failure? ➔
  What was the power failure **caused by**? ✓
  ~~**What was the power failure caused**?~~
  *(When asking about **the agent** of a passive sentence, **by** must be included in the question.)*
- She couldn't sleep because she **was terrified** by the horror film. ✓
  Terrified by the horror film, she couldn't sleep. ✓
  She couldn't sleep because she **had been terrified** by the horror film. ✓
  Having been terrified by the horror film, she couldn't sleep. ✓
  ~~**Been terrified by the horror film, she couldn't sleep.**~~
  (Past and perfect participles may replace clauses in the passive voice.)
- They **accused** Harry **of** stealing the money. ➔
  Harry **was accused of** stealing the money.
  (In the Passive Voice the preposition of prepositional verbs goes immediately after the verb.)
- We **haven't** touched **anything**. ➔
  Nothing has **been** touched. ✓
  ~~**Anything has not been** touched.~~
  (any + compounds in Active Voice
  no + compounds in Passive Voice)
- They **didn't let me** buy a dog. ➔
  I was not allowed to buy a dog. ✓
  ~~**I was not let to buy a dog.**~~
  *(**let** in Active Voice ➔ **be allowed to** in Passive Voice)*

Key Transformations

- I haven't told anyone the news yet.
  No one has been told the news yet.
- Susan was amazed to find out that her book was missing.
  To Susan's amazement, her book was missing.
- We expect that the Australian athlete will win the race.
  It is expected that the Australian athlete will win the race.
  The Australian athlete is expected to win the race.
- Julie's parents allow her to go to parties.
  Julie's parents let her go to parties.
  Julie is allowed to go to parties.
  Julie's parents give her permission to go to parties.
  Julie is permitted to go to parties.
  Julie has her parents' permission to go to parties.
- Julie's parents don't allow her to go to parties.
  Julie's parents don't let her go to parties.
  Julie is not allowed to go to parties.
  Julie cannot get her parents' permission to go to parties.
  Julie is forbidden to go to parties.
- One must not smuggle goods into the country.
  It is not allowed to smuggle goods into the country.
  It is illegal to smuggle goods into the country.
  It is against the law to smuggle goods into the country.
  It is forbidden to smuggle goods into the country.

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