

IELTS BACKGROUND - GRAMMAR & LISTENING

LESSON 01

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We recommend the rule 1:2:1, which means 1 hour for reviewing past lessons, 2 hours for homework and 1 hour for extensive reading and listening (with materials close to the topics in class).

NOTES

1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

cause	damage	hold	invite	make
overtake	show	surround	translate	write

- 1 Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- 2 Cheese is made from milk.
- 3 The roof of the building was damaged in a storm a few days ago.
- 4 You were invited to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- 5 A cinema is a place where films are shown.
- 6 In the United States, elections for president are held every four years.
- 7 Originally the book was written in Spanish, and a few years ago it was translated into English.
- 8 Although we were driving fast, we were overtaken by a lot of other cars.
- 9 You can't see the house from the road. It is surrounded by trees.

2 Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

- 1 Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?
- 2 Ask about television. (when / invent?) When was television invented?
- 3 Ask about mountains. (how / form?) How were mountains formed?
- 4 Ask about antibiotics. (when / discover?) When were antibiotics discovered?
- 5 Ask about silver. (what / use for?) What was silver used for?

3 Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- 1 It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
- 2 Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
- 3 Water covers (cover) most of the earth's surface.
- 4 How much of the earth's surface is covered (cover) by water?
- 5 The park gates are locked (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- 6 The letter was sent (send) a week ago and it arrived (arrive) yesterday.
- 7 The boat hit a rock and sank (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody was rescued (rescue).
- 8 Robert's parents died (die) when he was very young. He and his sister were brought up (bring up) by their grandparents.
- 9 I was born in London, but I grew up (grow up) in Canada.
- 10 While I was on holiday, my camera was stolen (steal) from my hotel room.
- 11 While I was on holiday, my camera disappeared (disappear) from my hotel room.
- 12 Why was Sue resigning (Sue / resign) from her job? Didn't she enjoy it?
- 13 Why was Ben fired (Ben / fire) from his job? Did he do something wrong?
- 14 The company is not independent. It is owned (own) by a much larger company.
- 15 I saw an accident last night. Somebody injured (injure), so the ambulance was called (call) an ambulance but nobody needed (not / need).
- 16 Where were these pictures taken? (these pictures / take) In London?
Was (you / take) them, or somebody else?
- 17 Sometimes it's quite noisy living here, but it's not a problem for me –
I am not bothered (not / bother) by it.

4 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody**, **they**, **people** etc., write a passive sentence.

- 1 Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
- 2 They cancelled all flights because of fog. All flights were cancelled because of fog.
- 3 People don't use this road much. This road is not used much.
- 4 Somebody accused me of stealing money. I was accused of stealing money.
- 5 How do people learn languages? How are languages learned?
- 6 People warned us not to go out alone. We were warned not to go out alone.

Passive 2 (be done / been done / being done)

Study the following active and passive forms:

A

Infinitive

active (to) do/clean/see etc.

Somebody will clean **this room** later.

passive (to) be + done/cleaned/seen etc.

This room will be cleaned later.

- The situation is serious. Something must **be done** before it's too late.
- A mystery is something that **can't be explained**.
- The music was very loud and could **be heard** from a long way away.
- A new supermarket is going **to be built** next year.
- Please go away. I want **to be left** alone.

B

Perfect infinitive

active (to) have + done/cleaned/seen etc.

Somebody should have cleaned **the room**.

passive (to) have been + done/cleaned/seen etc.

The room should have been cleaned.

- I should have received the letter by now. It might **have been sent** to the wrong address.
- If you had locked the car, it wouldn't **have been stolen**.
- There were some problems at first, but they seem **to have been solved**.

C

Present perfect

active **have/has + done** etc.

The room looks nice. Somebody **has cleaned** **it**.

passive **have/has been + done** etc.

The room looks nice. **It** **has been cleaned**.

- Have you heard? The trip **has been cancelled**.
- Have you ever **been bitten** by a dog?
- 'Are you going to the party?' 'No, I **haven't been invited**.'

Past perfect

active **had + done** etc.

The room looked nice. Somebody **had cleaned** **it**.

passive **had been + done** etc.

The room looked nice. **It** **had been cleaned**.

- The vegetables didn't taste good. They **had been cooked** too long.
- The car was three years old, but **hadn't been used** very much.

D

Present continuous

active **am/is/are + (do)ing**

Somebody **is cleaning** **the room** at the moment.

passive **am/is/are + being (done)**

The room **is being cleaned** at the moment.

- There's somebody walking behind us. I think we **are being followed**.
- (in a shop) 'Can I help you?' 'No, thanks. I'm **being served**.'

Past continuous

active **was/were + (do)ing**

Somebody **was cleaning** **the room** when I arrived.

passive **was/were + being (done)**

The room **was being cleaned** when I arrived.

- There was somebody walking behind us. I think we **were being followed**.

1.1 What do these words mean? Use **it can ...** or **it can't ...**. Use a dictionary if necessary.

If something is

1 washable, it can be washed	4 unusable,
2 unbreakable, it	5 invisible,
3 edible, it	6 portable,

1.2 Complete these sentences with the following verbs (in the correct form):

arrest carry cause -do- make repair -send- spend wake up

Sometimes you need **have** (might have, should have etc.).

- 1 The situation is serious. Something must be done before it's too late.
- 2 I should have received the letter by now. It might have been sent to the wrong address.
- 3 A decision will not until the next meeting.
- 4 Do you think that more money should on education?
- 5 This road is in very bad condition. It should a long time ago.
- 6 The injured man couldn't walk and had to
- 7 I told the hotel receptionist I wanted to at 6.30 the next morning.
- 8 If you hadn't pushed the policeman, you wouldn't
- 9 It's not certain how the fire started, but it might by an electrical fault.

1.3 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody** or **they** etc., write a passive sentence.

- 1 Somebody has cleaned the room.
The room has been cleaned.
- 2 Somebody is using the computer right now.
The computer
- 3 I didn't realise that somebody was recording our conversation.
I didn't realise that
- 4 When we got to the stadium, we found that they had cancelled the game.
When we got to the stadium, we found that
- 5 They are building a new ring road round the city.
- 6 They have built a new hospital near the airport.

1.4 Make sentences from the words in brackets. Sometimes the verb is active, sometimes passive.

- 1 There's somebody behind us. (I think / we / follow) I think we're being followed.
- 2 This room looks different. (you / paint / the walls?) Have you painted the walls?
- 3 My car has disappeared. (it / steal!) It
- 4 My umbrella has disappeared. (somebody / take) Somebody
- 5 Sam gets a higher salary now. (he / promote) He
- 6 Ann can't use her office this week. (it / redecorate) It
- 7 There was a problem with the photocopier yesterday, but now it's OK.
(it / work) It again. (it / repair) It
- 8 When I went into the room, I saw that the table and chairs were not in the same place.
(the furniture / move) The
- 9 A neighbour of mine disappeared six months ago. (he / not / see / since then)
He
- 10 I wonder how Jane is these days. (I / not / see / for ages)
I
- 11 A friend of mine was mugged on his way home a few nights ago. (you / ever / mug?)

FURTHER PRACTICE

I. Re-arrange these words to make meaningful sentences.

1. brought/ employees/ during/ the/ meeting/ issue/ this/ up/ by/ the/ was

⇒ _____

2. accident/ been/ police/ to/ has/ the/ reported/ the

⇒ _____

3. fruits/ Vietnam/ being/ are/ from/ fresh/ US/ special/ the/ crates/ to/ transported/ in

⇒ _____

4. mechanic/ DVD player/ been/ the/ repaired/ not/ by/ has/ the/ yet

⇒ _____

5. destroyed/ millions/ rainforests/ year/ world/ all/ over/ the/ hectares/ of/ are/ every/ of

⇒ _____

6. hotel/ clean/ morning/ must/ provided/ towels/ guests/ every/ be/ to

⇒ _____

7. Mike/ full/ abroad/ has/ full/ a/ been/ study/ offered/ to

⇒ _____

8. from/ pandas/ saved/ extinction/ saved/ be

⇒ _____

9. morning/ stored/ picked/ can/ tomatoes/ the/ be/ in/ and

⇒ _____

10. Tet/ most/ shops/ area/ are/ during/ holidays/ the/ the/ in/ this/ closed/ of

⇒ _____

II. Translate into English.

1. Cánh tay của đứa bé đã bị sưng vù lên vì cậu ta bị ong đốt.

⇒ _____

2. Một vài đề xuất mới đang được xem xét bởi hội đồng của công ty.

⇒ _____

3. Hằng năm có rất nhiều nhà cửa bị phá hủy bởi bão nhiệt đới.

⇒ _____

4. Những bản hợp đồng này phải được vị quản lý ký ngay trong hôm nay.

⇒ _____

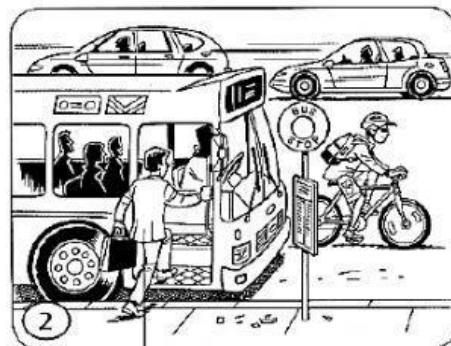
5. Một vài trang thiết bị công nghệ cao mới vừa được đặt hàng.

⇒ _____

PART 2 - LISTENING

Part 1

Look at the pictures. For each picture you will hear a question and four statements. Choose the statement that best matches the picture.



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Part 2

Listen to each question. Choose the correct response. Use your answer sheet.

7. A. Oh, I met some friends and we went out for dinner.
B. Yes, it's too bad the weekend is over.
C. I worked all day on Monday.
D. I think I'll stay home and relax.
8. A. Yes, I think it was last night.
B. I don't really like playing games.
C. What time does it start?
D. No, I fell asleep on the sofa.
9. A. But I love classical music.
B. Yes, it is the next station.
C. We can take the bus from here.
D. I think they already changed it.
10. A. It is a great game.
B. It's just not my favorite.
C. When I drive the car.
D. It makes me want to dance.
11. A. He goes to the gym.
B. I think he rented a movie.
C. He said it's his last weekend.
D. He's moving to a new house.
12. A. Yes, I had a really good time.
B. You can bring a friend if you like.
C. No, it's not my birthday.
D. Sure. What kind of party is it?

Part 3

Listen to the following short conversations and answer the questions below. Use your answer sheet.

13. What did the woman do on Saturday?
 - A. She went bowling with her boyfriend.
 - B. She had a boring weekend at home.
 - C. She met her girlfriends in the evening.
 - D. She stayed home and watched TV.
14. Who is the man?
 - A. A hotel guest
 - B. A passenger
 - C. A cyclist
 - D. A taxi driver
15. What does the woman say about the food?
 - A. She likes the cheese.
 - B. She made them herself.
 - C. She's never had goat meat before.
 - D. Her mother gave her the recipe.