

## GRAMMAR passive (all forms);

*it is said that..., he is thought to..., etc*

Complete the text with the correct active or passive form of the verb in brackets.

As a police officer, I was very upset when my motorbike <sup>1</sup> was taken (take) from outside my house last month. When I found out that over 20 motorbikes <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) in my area in the previous six months, I promised myself that the thief would <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (punish). First my colleagues and I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (question) all the victims of the thefts and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) all the motorbike dealers in the area. Our investigations came to an end late last night when we identified the criminal... as my next-door neighbour!

He <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (just arrest) and at the moment he <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) at the local police station. His case <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) in the Magistrate's Court next week and we all <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) him to be found guilty. He might <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a short prison sentence, but the best thing is that no more motorbikes <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) in my area in the near future.

Rewrite the sentences.

- 1 It is known that the rapist is a local man.  
The rapist is known to be a local man.
- 2 The blackmailer is understood to be a colleague of the victim.  
It is understood that the blackmailer is a colleague of the victim.
- 3 It is expected that the man will be acquitted.  
The man \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 It is reported that kidnappers have taken the president's wife.  
Kidnappers \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The terrorists are thought to be in hiding somewhere in France.  
It is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The suspect is known to be dangerous.  
It is \_\_\_\_\_.

- 7 It is reported that vandals have damaged the art gallery.  
Vandals \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 The police are said to have arrested three men.  
It is \_\_\_\_\_.

*have something done*

**Rewrite the sentences with *have something done*.**

- 1 Someone is going to change the lock on my front door.  
I'm going to have the lock on my front door changed.
- 2 Someone tests our burglar alarm twice a year.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ twice a year.
- 3 A mechanic has repaired my car.  
I \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Someone painted my brother's house.  
My brother \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Someone will clean my carpets in the spring.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ in the spring.
- 6 Some men are building a wall around my neighbour's garden.  
My neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ around their garden.
- 7 Someone cleans Oliver's flat once a week.  
Oliver \_\_\_\_\_ once a week.
- 8 A company is redesigning our garden.  
We \_\_\_\_\_.