

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 ¹ was taken (take) from outside my house last month. When I found out that over 20 motorbikes ² _____ (steal) in my area in the previous six months, I promised myself that the thief would ³ _____ (catch) and ⁴ _____ (punish). First my colleagues and I ⁵ _____ (question) all the victims of the thefts and ⁶ _____ (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 ⁷ _____ (just arrest) and at the moment he ⁸ _____ (hold) at the local police station. His case ⁹ _____ (hear) in the Magistrate's Court next week and we all ¹⁰ _____ (expect) him to be found guilty. He might ¹¹ _____ (give) a short prison sentence, but the best thing is that no more motorbikes ¹² _____ (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 _____.