



## READING

### Text 1

1) Tick the three examples of passive voice.

## Parrots put in time-out for cursing

Five African grey parrots—Billy, Eric, Tyson, Jade, and Elsie—recently had to be separated for “encouraging each other to swear” at patrons at the Lincolnshire Wildlife Center in the U.K. “We are quite used to parrots swearing, but we’ve never had five at the same time, and for some reason these five relish it,” Steve Nichols, the zoo’s chief executive, told the AP. People were mainly entertained by the potty-mouthed parrots. “When a parrot tells you to ‘f— off,’ it amuses people very highly; it’s brought a big smile to a really hard year,” he said. But for the sake of children, the zoo decided it was best to put the birds in separate enclosures until they can behave. Fun fact: Former U.S. president



2) Find words in the text that mean:

1. (to) say dirty words:
2. people who support an organization, especially with money:
3. enjoy:
4. had a good time:
5. (to) make people laugh:
6. (to) act properly:

3) Turn the following sentences into passive voice.

a. The grey parrots told dirty words to the patrons.

b. They separated the parrots into different cages.

c. Parrots’ curses amused people.

### Text 2

## Monkeying around with a cell phone

Zackrydz Rodzi, a 20-year-old Malaysian man, plugged in his phone before going to sleep only to find the device missing the next morning. There were no signs of a break-in, and he had no idea who could have taken it. After his father mentioned that he had seen a monkey hanging around nearby, Rodzi searched the forest behind his house and found the phone buried in some mud. His uncle joked that maybe the monkey just wanted to take some selfies, so Rodzi checked the photo gallery. “I was shocked. The suspect’s face was plastered on the screen. It was hilarious,” he told the AP. No word on whether the ape mastered the “fish lips” pout or how to work his angles.



4) True or False?

- A. Rodzi went to sleep after plugging in his cell phone. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The cell phone was taken away during the night. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. A monkey was seen nearby. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The next morning Rodzi phoned his father. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. The monkey was found in the forest behind Rodzi’s house. \_\_\_\_\_
- F. The monkey took some selfies. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Rodzi found the pictures very funny. \_\_\_\_\_