International School of Monterrey

Junior High School — 9th Grade

Trimester ___ — Language Arts

Name _____ Date _____List #:____-_____

Passive (be done / been done / being done)

I. What do these words mean? Use it can ... or it can't ....

If something is:

1. washable, it _____.
2. unbreakable, it _____.
3. edible, it _____.
4. unusable, it _____.
5. invisible, it _____.
6. portable, it _____.

II. Complete these sentences with the following verbs (in the correct form): Sometimes you will need to use (have, might have, should have etc.).

• **arrest**	• **carry**	• **cause**
• **do**	• **make**	• **repair**
• **send**	• **spend**	• **wake up**

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 _____ along 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.

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III. 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 realize that somebody was recording our conversation.
   I didn't realize 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.
   _____.

IV. 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 wall?
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.
8. (it / repair) It _____.
9. When I went into the room, I saw that the table and chairs were not in the same place. (the furniture / move)
   The _____.
10. A neighbor of mine disappeared six months ago. (he / not / see / since then)
    He _____.
11. I wonder how Jane is these days. (I / not / see / for ages)
    I _____.
12. A friend of mine was mugged on his way home a few nights ago. (you / ever / mug?)
    _____?

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