

# Grammar 1A

## Passive voice

Complete the text about speech writing using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

When a politician makes a great speech we often have to remember that the speech itself (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (*not write*) by the politician, but by a professional writer who (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (*pay*) a lot of money. When the speech goes badly wrong, it isn't the writer who (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (*remember*), but the poor politician. Politicians (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (*often make*) or (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (*break*) by their ability to speak in public, so it is essential they trust their speechwriter. However, when politicians (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (*question*) by journalists or members of the public, the choice of words is down to them. Sometimes they (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (*give*) clever 'sound bites' by their writers, but even then they have to use these at the right time.

## Grammar 1B

### Passive voice

Rewrite the sentences using the passive voice so that the meaning is the same.

- 1 Every year the government spends millions of pounds.  
Millions of pounds \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The police are questioning some politicians about their expense claims.  
Some politicians \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 In May 2010 voters elected David Cameron as Prime Minister.  
David Cameron \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 They will hold the next meeting on Tuesday evening.  
The next meeting \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 In the light of recent events they are reviewing a number of decisions.  
A number of decisions \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The police arrested hundreds of people at the demonstration yesterday.  
Hundreds of people \_\_\_\_\_.