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.

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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 _____.

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