

DISASTERS

Lesson preparation

1. Read about Roy Sullivan. Choose the correct verb forms.

The Earth **1 hits/is hit** _____ by lightning 8.6 million times a day. Scientists say there's a 1 in 3 million chance you **2 will hit/will be hit** _____ by lightning, but that depends on how much time you **3 are spent/spend** _____ outdoors. Roy Sullivan, a park ranger from Virginia, USA, **4 was hit/hit** _____ by lightning seven times in his lifetime. On different occasions he **5 lost/was lost** _____ his toenails, hair and eyebrows. The final lightning strike **6 happened/was happened** _____ while he was fishing and he **7 took/was taken** _____ to hospital with chest and stomach burns.

2. Put the verbs in the correct form of **the passive**. There is sometimes more than one possible answer.

These days, parts of Venice **1 is flooded** (flood) one day in three. People believe the water will rise another 20 cms in the next 50 years. This means that Venice **2** _____ (flood) much more often. A lot of money **3** _____ (already collect) for the Save Venice Fund and many buildings **4** _____ (now repair). However, more money must **5** _____ (find) quickly and some people don't think the city can **6** _____ (save). Most experts agree that if important work **7** _____ (not do) soon, some of the world's most beautiful buildings **8** _____ (lose) forever.