

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.