GRAMMAR

PRESENT/PAST PASSIVE

Match the sentence halves.

1 Over 4,000 foxes are
2 Our academic courses are
3 This type of clothing is
4 Until recently, charity workers weren't
5 The buildings were
6 Animal fat isn't
7 The thief was
8 That window wasn't

a) used in our food.
b) made in our factory in Milan.
c) paid much money for their work.
d) killed every year for their fur.
e) taken to prison.
f) broken by my boys.
g) designed by French architects.
h) recognised by colleges all over the world.

Underline the correct alternatives.

My favourite crime programme is CSI, an American series. Usually, it has the same structure. Firstly, someone [1]*kills/is be killed/is killed* mysteriously. After this, the CSI officers [2]*are called/call/are* call to solve the mystery. They collect evidence which [3]*looks/is looked/is look* at very carefully in the laboratory. Then the CSI officers [4]*are brought/ have brought/bring* various people to their office and ask questions. More evidence [5]*has discovered/discovers/is discovered* which allows the CSI officers to find the killer. So, why do I like it? The most interesting thing is the way the evidence [6]*is found/has found/is find*. They never [7]*are missed/miss/are miss* anything – a hair, a contact lens, even a dead insect. I also like the characters of the CSI officers. They are not perfect people, but they [8]*are done/ do/were done* their job perfectly.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the correct active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Extra homework is given to the students every day.
The students _____. (give)
2 His books aren't sold in the USA.
Bookshops in the USA _____.(not sell)
3 The library was destroyed in an earthquake.
An earthquake _____. (destroy)
4 The children didn't break the window.
The window _____. (not break)
5 Hundreds of products use plastic.
Plastic _____. (use/in)
6 The thief was caught by the police.
The police _____. (catch)
7 No one told us about the exam.
We _____. (not tell)
8 You don't find tigers in Africa.
Tigers _____. (not find)