

EXERCISE 3 PROGRESSIVE PASSIVES

GRAMMAR NOTE 2 Complete the TV news bulletin with the present progressive and past progressive passive forms of the verbs in parentheses.

Here is breaking news from KKBO Channel 6. Two suspects are being held
1. (hold)
in the county jail, where they are asking
2. (question)
about their role
in a bank robbery. The robbery took place this morning at the downtown branch of First
International Bank. As the bank's doors were opened
3. (open)
at 9 a.m.,
the suspects, wearing masks and carrying guns, burst in and demanded that an undisclosed
amount of money be placed in a paper bag. They escaped with the funds but were later caught.
A customer who was served
4. (serve)
noticed the license plate number of the vehicle the suspects were driving, and she notified the
police. The identities of the two suspects were not revealed
5. (not / reveal)
while
the investigation was completed
6. (complete)
Other bank customers
for additional information. This is Ron Mason
7. (currently / interview)
for KKBO News Channel 6. Stay tuned for further updates.



EXERCISE 4 VARIOUS PASSIVES

GRAMMAR NOTES 2, 6 Complete the article with passive constructions with *be* and the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses.



An Unsolved Crime Continues to Fascinate

The pages of history are full of crimes that have not been solved
1. (not / solve). Consider, for example, the case of the ship *Mary Celeste*. It had left New York for Italy in November of 1872. About a month later, it was discovered
2. (discover) floating east of the Azores. No one was found
3. (find) on board, though everything was determined
4. (determine) to be in order, and there was no indication why the *Mary Celeste* was abandoned
5. (abandon). Apparently, in fact, tables were set
6. (even / set) for afternoon tea. However, the lifeboat and most of the ship's papers were missing. One theory speculates that the ship was threatened
7. (might / threaten) by an explosion that was caused
8. (cause) by fumes from its cargo of alcohol. That theory, however, never proved
9. (never / prove). It doesn't seem an entirely satisfactory explanation, especially since no real evidence of an explosion was apparent. Over the decades, other scenarios were proposed
10. (propose), many involving charges of foul play. One theory states that the *Mary Celeste* was taken over
11. (take over) by its own crew. Another holds that the ship's personnel were overcome
12. (overcome) by pirates. Still another proposes that the ship's personnel were kidnapped
13. (kidnap) as part of an insurance fraud scheme. The story of the *Mary Celeste* is dramatized
14. (dramatize) in movies, novels, and plays, so much so that it is a challenge to separate fact from fiction. For the time being, at least, the fate of the *Mary Celeste* will have to remain a mystery.