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Grammar

The passive: advanced structures

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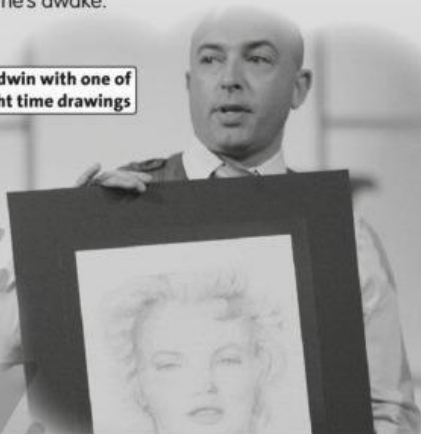
1 Complete the passive sentences with the correct form of the modal verbs and verbs in brackets.

- 1 It isn't true that sleepwalkers _____ (can't / wake) safely.
- 2 It seems that more research into the new drug _____ (ought to / do) before it was made available.
- 3 Surely the results of the tests _____ (must / check) before they were published?
- 4 Our sleep _____ (can / disturb) by artificial lighting.
- 5 Perhaps not all health myths _____ (should / dismiss) completely.
- 6 We _____ (might / lie) to for decades by the drinks industry about how much water we need.
- 7 Some health advice _____ (may / misunderstand) in the past.
- 8 Do you think most smokers _____ (could / encourage) to quit by using e-cigarettes?

2 Complete the text with the correct passive infinitive or -ing form of the verb in brackets.

Imagine ¹ _____ (wake up) by a member of your family to discover that you have not only got out of bed and turned on your computer while asleep, but have emailed your friends without knowing it. Apparently, cases of 'zzz-mailing' are starting ² _____ (report) more frequently, and experts say they expect ³ _____ (tell) about even more of these strange events. Robert Wood, who suffers from bizarre night-time wanderings, desperately hopes ⁴ _____ (cure) after his wife, who didn't expect ⁵ _____ (meet) by such a worrying sight, found the Scottish chef cooking chips in their kitchen while fast asleep! However, another sufferer, nurse Lee Hadwin, definitely doesn't want ⁶ _____ (prevent) from sleepwalking and admits ⁷ _____ (amaze) by his unconscious talents! He certainly deserves ⁸ _____ (know) as a gifted artist after producing amazing drawings on tablecloths, clothes and walls – although it seems he has no such ability while he's awake.

Lee Hadwin with one of his night time drawings



3 Rewrite the sentences in two ways using passive structures. Begin with the words given.

- 1 We know that too much sugar is bad for us.
It is _____
Too much sugar _____
- 2 They estimate that a third of babies born in the UK in 2013 have a life expectancy of 100.
It is _____
A third _____
- 3 They say that vitamin C is good for colds.
It is _____
Vitamin C _____
- 4 People once thought that carrots were good for your eyesight.
It was once _____
Carrots were once _____
- 5 People believe that the ancient Egyptians were great doctors.
It is _____
The ancient Egyptians _____
- 6 They say that the actor put on ten kilos for this film.
It is _____
The actor _____

4 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Do you hate ¹ _____ told that you should be drinking more water? ² _____ is often reported that we ought to drink at least two litres a day, but there are many people who believe this advice must have ³ _____ spread by companies wanting us to buy their bottled water. Humans are known to ⁴ _____ evolved in conditions of extreme heat and dryness and it ⁵ _____ now thought that too much water is worse for us than too little. According to one scientist, it's like saying we should all ⁶ _____ encouraged to breathe more oxygen, because if a little is good for us, more must be even better!