

## 6D

### Grammar

## The passive: advanced structures

I can use advanced passive structures.

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<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (report) more frequently, and experts say they expect

<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) about even more of these strange events. Robert Wood, who suffers from bizarre night-time wanderings, desperately hopes<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (cure) after his wife, who didn't expect<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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

<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (prevent) from sleepwalking and admits<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (amaze) by his unconscious talents!

He certainly deserves<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ told that you should be drinking more water?<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ spread by companies wanting us to buy their bottled water. Humans are known to<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ evolved in conditions of extreme heat and dryness and it<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ now thought that too much water is worse for us than too little. According to one scientist, it's like saying we should all<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ encouraged to breathe more oxygen, because if a little is good for us, more must be even better!