

## Grammar (Past Modals and Passive in the Simple Past)

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb (past modal or passive in the simple past).

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (should / not / accuse) of communism, it was an unfair trial.
2. The Hollywood Ten \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) to testify, but they refused.
3. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more time, they \_\_\_\_\_ (be able) to explain their reasons in more detail.
4. The hearings \_\_\_\_\_ (broadcast) on television across the country.
5. Some of the accused actors \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (force) to name other people involved in the movement.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (could / not) speak freely during the investigation due to the fear of being blacklisted.
7. The names of the accused \_\_\_\_\_ (leak) to the press before the trial began.
8. The Hollywood Ten \_\_\_\_\_ (punish) severely for their beliefs.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (might / protest) more openly, but they were afraid of the consequences.
10. The committee \_\_\_\_\_ (Create) to investigate communist activities in Hollywood.

## Vocabulary Exercise: The Hollywood Ten

Complete the sentences with the correct word. Choose the right option for each sentence.

1. The actors who refused to testify were \_\_\_\_\_ for years.
  - a) punished
  - b) blacklisted
  - c) subpoenaed

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- 2. The Hollywood Ten were accused of being involved in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) communism
  - b) defiance
  - c) controversy
- 3. The committee used a \_\_\_\_\_ to force witnesses to attend the hearings.
  - a) testimony
  - b) subpoena
  - c) conviction
- 4. The film industry faced a huge \_\_\_\_\_ due to the investigation.
  - a) subpoena
  - b) testimony
  - c) controversy
- 5. Many of the Hollywood Ten refused to speak out of \_\_\_\_\_ against the authorities.
  - a) defiance
  - b) innocence
  - c) hearings
- 6. The \_\_\_\_\_ were broadcast to the public, and many people watched them closely.
  - a) hearings
  - b) convictions
  - c) blacklisting
- 7. Some of the actors were forced to provide \_\_\_\_\_ during the hearings, but they remained firm.
  - a) testimony
  - b) defiance
  - c) subpoena

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8. The accusations of being communists led to criminal \_\_\_\_\_ for some of the Hollywood Ten.

- o a) testimony
- o b) blacklisting
- o c) convictions

9. Many people believed the investigation was a \_\_\_\_\_ to find and punish anyone with left-wing views.

- o a) blacklisting
- o b) witch hunt
- o c) subpoena

10. Some of the accused were found \_\_\_\_\_ of any wrongdoing, but still suffered the consequences.

- o a) blacklisted
  - o b) innocent
  - o c) punished
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