

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 _____.
o a) communism
o b) defiance
o C) controversy

3. The committee used a _____ to force witnesses to attend the hearings.
o a) testimony
o b) subpoena
o C) conviction

4. The film industry faced a huge _____ due to the investigation.
o a) subpoena
o b) testimony
o C) controversy

5. Many of the Hollywood Ten refused to speak out of _____ against the authorities.
o a) defiance
o b) innocence
o C) hearings

6. The _____ were broadcast to the public, and many people watched them closely.
o a) hearings
o b) convictions
o C) blacklisting

7. Some of the actors were forced to provide _____ during the hearings, but they remained firm.
o a) testimony
o b) defiance
o C) subpoena

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

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

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

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

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

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