

Unit 6 Grammar: Reported Speech & Passive Voice

1 Reported Speech

C1 Complete each sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1 He said he was hungry.

I 'm..... hungry.

2 They said they were going to be late.

We late.

3 She said she had never flown in a helicopter before.

I in a helicopter before.

4 They said they'd bought a new computer the day before.

We a new computer yesterday.

5 He said she should try harder.

You try harder.

6 She said she was waiting for her friend.

I for my friend.

C2 Read what Sally said to Anne-Marie on the phone, then complete the email which Anne-Marie sent to her brother later.

'I was at a Coldplay concert yesterday. I climbed onto the stage at the end. Chris Martin kissed my hand so I'll never wash it again! I'm going to get their new CD tomorrow. I can't think about anything except their music! I've read everything on their website. Perhaps I might write them a letter.'



Hi Sally phoned me last weekend and said 1 she'd been..... at a Coldplay concert
2 She said that 3 onto the stage at the end and
Chris Martin 4 hand so 5 it again. She said
6 their new CD 7 because 8
about anything except their music. She said 9 everything on their
website and perhaps 10 them a letter.

Isn't she crazy?!

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Anne-Marie

C3 Complete using the words and phrases in the boxes AND in Reported Speech.

his their them there

before that night the day before the next day

Note: some words and phrases won't be used.

1 'I'm seeing Simon tomorrow,' Mary said.

Mary said she Simon

2 'We moved into the area two years ago,' Bella said.

Bella said they into the area two years

3 'Our teacher is giving us a test!' said Michelle.

Michelle said their teacher a test.

4 'My dad gave me fifty pounds!' said Neil.

Neil said dad him fifty pounds .

5 'I scored a great goal yesterday,' Marina said.

Marina said she a great goal

6 'I'll sleep well tonight!' said Arnie.

Arnie said he sleep well

C4 Choose the correct answer.

1 'I'm a big fan of U2,' Derek said.
Derek said he _____ a big fan of U2.

- A was
- B has been
- C had been

2 'We're watching TV,' said the twins.
The twins said they _____ TV.

- A watched
- B were watching
- C had watched

3 'You've been annoying me all day!' my mum said.
My mum said I _____ her all day.

- A annoyed
- B was annoying
- C had been annoying

4 'At one o'clock I was having lunch,' said Molly.
Molly said she _____ lunch at one o'clock.

- A had been having
- B has had
- C is having

5 'You'll get wet without an umbrella,' Dad said.
Dad said I _____ wet without an umbrella.

- A will be getting
- B got
- C would get

6 'He can juggle five balls!' said Angie.
Angie said he _____ five balls.

- A juggled
- B would juggle
- C could juggle

7 'You must give me your essays,' Mrs Vine said.
Mrs Vine said we _____ give her our essays.

- A were having to
- B had to
- C would have to

8 Emma said she was going to study abroad.
What did Emma say?

- A "I was going to study abroad."
- B "I'm going to study abroad."
- C "I will study abroad."

9 Leo said he had never seen that movie before.
What did Leo say?

- A "I never saw that movie before."
- B "I haven't seen that movie before."
- C "I've never seen this movie before."



C5 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech using the verb given.

1 'I'm sorry I told everyone your secret,' my sister said. **(apologised)**

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My sister apologised that she had told everyone my secret.
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2 'I didn't give the money to John,' said Ali. **(denied)**

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3 'I'll love you forever!' Francis said to Elizabeth. **(promised)**

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4 'Why don't we give Jenny a call?' Albert said. **(suggested)**

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5 'I haven't heard from Helen for a long time,' Paul said to me. **(told)**

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Note: reporting verbs including – suggested, insisted, demanded are followed by that.... should + verb (tenses don't change).

C Passive Voice

C1 In four of these sentences there is a mistake in a verb form. Underline each mistake and write the correction.

- The children wanted to be allow to stay up late and see the fireworks. **to be allowed**
- Our flight was delaying by fog and we missed our connection.
- By the time we arrived at the market, the best fruit had be sold. **Hint: it's in the past perfect – had been + verb in the past participle**
- While the meal was being prepare we had a drink on the terrace.

C2 Fill in the gaps with the correct passive form of the verb in brackets. **Note: pay attention to the tense the sentence is written in.**

- A government minister **was found** (find) guilty of fraud yesterday.
- These photos (take) during our holiday in Spain.
- These souvenirs (make) by children from the local school.
- The votes (count) right now and we should know the result before midnight.
- The gift looks like it(open) before it (wrap) again.

C3 Fill in the gaps in this magazine article using the past passive.



The singer Hywel Evans 1 **was educated** (*educate*) in Wales. He 2 (*give*) the main part in a school play when he was ten. He 3 (*see*) by a theatre director and he and another boy 4 (*ask*) to sing in a TV advert. They 5 (*not pay*) much but they 6 (*hear*) by a record producer. Hywel's friend 7 (*ask*) to be in a musical. Hywel 8 (*not give*) a part in the musical, but he 9 (*invite*) to star in a film.

CHALLENGE

C4 Read this report in the *Cybernian News*.



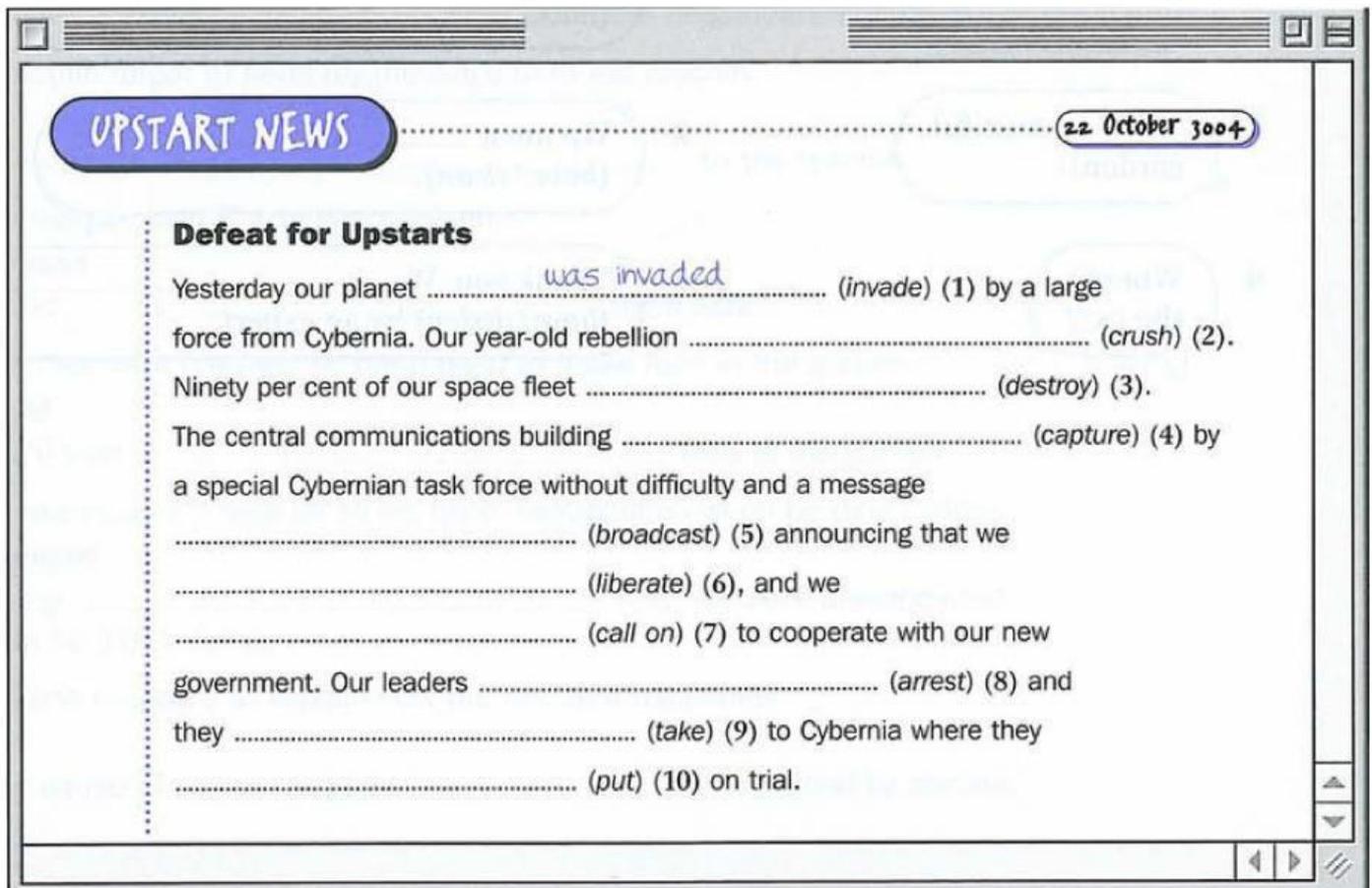
CYBERNIAN NEWS 22 October 3004

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Victory for Cybernia
The victorious Cybernian Inter-galactic Forces report:

Yesterday we invaded Planet Upstart with a large force. We have completely crushed the year-old rebellion there. Our space ships have destroyed ninety per cent of the Upstart space fleet. A special Cybernian task force landed near the central communications building and captured it without difficulty. We immediately broadcast a message to the population announcing that we had liberated them from the illegal Upstart government and we called on them to cooperate with the new government of their planet. We have arrested the rebel leaders and we are taking them back to Cybernia where the government will put them on trial.

Fill in the gaps below with the passive form of the verbs in the *Cybernian News* above.



UPSTART NEWS 22 October 3004

Defeat for Upstarts

Yesterday our planet *was invaded* (invade) (1) by a large force from Cybernia. Our year-old rebellion (crush) (2). Ninety per cent of our space fleet (destroy) (3). The central communications building (capture) (4) by a special Cybernian task force without difficulty and a message (broadcast) (5) announcing that we (liberate) (6), and we (call on) (7) to cooperate with our new government. Our leaders (arrest) (8) and they (take) (9) to Cybernia where they (put) (10) on trial.