

Passive Voice – Fill in the gaps

Use these words (don't forget to use passive voice)

hibernate – release – recycle – swallow – kidnap – steal – be – shoot – rescue – teach

Text:

Last year, a rare wild animal _____ by criminals from a protected area.
During the escape, a valuable necklace _____ from a museum nearby.
The animal _____ by the police two days later and safely returned to the zoo.
Before that, it _____ by experts how to survive in the wild.

In winter, bears _____ naturally to save energy.
Plastic bottles _____ every day to protect the environment.
Unfortunately, a lot of plastic _____ by sea animals.

Last night, a dangerous criminal _____ by the police.
At the moment, the city _____ protected by special forces.
Finally, the hostages _____ by firefighters after several hours.

Key:

- Last year, a rare wild animal **was kidnapped** by criminals from a protected area.
(past simple passive – kidnap)
- During the escape, a valuable necklace **was stolen** from a museum nearby.
(past simple passive – steal)
- The animal **was rescued** by the police two days later and safely returned to the zoo.
(past simple passive – rescue)
- Before that, it **had been taught** by experts how to survive in the wild.
(past perfect passive – teach)
- In winter, bears **are hibernated** naturally to save energy.
(present simple passive – hibernate)
- Plastic bottles **are recycled** every day to protect the environment.
(present simple passive – recycle)
- Unfortunately, a lot of plastic **is swallowed** by sea animals.
(present simple passive – swallow)
- Last night, a dangerous criminal **was shot** by the police.
(past simple passive – shoot)
- At the moment, the city **is protected** by special forces.
(present simple passive – be)
- Finally, the hostages **will be released** by firefighters after several hours.
(future passive – will be + release)