

Complete the article with the best form of the verb in brackets, either present perfect simple or continuous.

The future of growing food

In recent years, climate change ¹_____ (cause) an increase in flooding, hurricanes and heat waves. In the face of these extreme weather events, creative people ²_____ (explore) new ways to grow crops.

Growing up



Some farmers ³_____ (invest) in vertical indoor farms so that they can grow more food on less land. They ⁴_____ (have) success with methods where the plant grows in water rather than in the earth, which actually requires about 90 percent less water in total than normal farming.

At the office

In an office building in central Tokyo, one company ⁵_____ (create) a place where employees work surrounded by plants.



They ⁶_____ even _____ (put) a rice paddy in the main lobby! There are tomatoes in meeting rooms and lemon trees which separate work spaces. Cooks ⁷_____ (use) the fresh fruit and vegetables for meals in the cafeteria.

Under the sea



Since 2012, a diving company ⁸_____ (grow) plants under the sea off the Italian coast. They ⁹_____ (build) seven underwater greenhouses, which have air inside them and they ¹⁰_____ (try out) different plants to see what grows best. So far, they ¹¹_____ (produce) beans, lettuce and strawberries. Temperatures are steady and there ¹²_____ (not be) any problems with insects or disease.

Complete the meaning of the signs with the phrases in the box.

are allowed to are required to are supposed to (x2) aren't allowed to (x2)
aren't supposed to (x3) don't have to ought to (x2)



- 1 People _____
bring pets here.



- 2 Passengers _____
give up their seats for people with special needs.



- 3 People _____
have experience.



- 4 People _____
be careful.



- 5 People _____
swim here.



- 6 People _____
waste paper.



- 7 People _____
remove any hats, hoods and sunglasses.



- 8 People _____
feed the monkeys.

1 Complete the posts with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Phone disasters

Tell us about the worst thing that happened to your phone. What were you doing and what happened? We want to know all your disasters!

**Irene**

I ¹ _____ (use) a new phone case that was supposed to be really strong. I ² _____ (walk) into class one day when someone ³ _____ (say) 'Careful, you're going to drop your phone!' To show them how strong the case was, I ⁴ _____ (throw) my phone on the ground and the glass smashed!

Niran

I ⁵ _____ (watch) a video of a snake on my phone. The snake ⁶ _____ (move) along the ground when suddenly it ⁷ _____ (try) to bite the camera. I ⁸ _____ (get) such a fright that I ⁹ _____ (drop) my phone and the screen cracked.

**Julio**

As I ¹⁰ _____ (get) into my car, my friend ¹¹ _____ (stop) to chat. While we ¹² _____ (talk), I put my phone on top of the car. Then I got in and drove away. That was the last time I ever ¹³ _____ (see) it!

Hazel

I ¹⁴ _____ (cook) some pasta when my phone ¹⁵ _____ (fall) out of my pocket, straight into the pot of boiling water. I ¹⁶ _____ (get) it out with a spoon, but it was already dead.



Choose the correct alternatives to complete the mystery.

The Grand Hotel Mystery

I was staying at the Grand Hotel. One afternoon, I ¹*was/had been* very tired because I ²*had/had had* a very busy morning. After lunch, I ³*went/had gone* back to my room and ⁴*went/had gone* to sleep.

I ⁵*was/had been* asleep for an hour or so when I ⁶*heard/had heard* a knock at the door.

Before I could say anything, a woman ⁷*walked/had walked* into my room. She ⁸*saw/had seen* I was there, and quickly apologised. She said she ⁹*made/had made* a mistake and that she ¹⁰*thought/had thought* it was her room. She ¹¹*left/had left* in a hurry.

Suddenly, I ¹²*realised/had realised* that the woman ¹³*lied/had lied* to me! I ¹⁴*called/had called* the police to report her. They ¹⁵*arrested/had arrested* her later that day after discovering that she ¹⁶*stole/had stolen* some jewellery from another room at the same hotel.

The police asked me how I knew that the thief ¹⁷*didn't make/hadn't made* a mistake when she came into my room. Can you work it out?

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the article.

Cardboard cops against crime

We all know that speed can cause terrible accidents where people get ¹broken into/badly hurt. In Edinburgh, there's a new police officer in town,

holding a speed camera, to try and get drivers to drive more slowly. But, this police officer is ²locked/trapped to a pole by a chain – he's made of cardboard!

Scotland isn't the only place where these cut-out police officers are used. A few years ago, British police in England and Wales bought 750 cardboard cut-outs which were worth £50,000.

But are these cut-outs actually helpful in stopping ³criminals/jails? Some authorities claim that they make people feel safer, and one supermarket reported that there were 75 percent fewer ⁴trials/thefts. Others argue that the cut-out police officers are useless in preventing ⁵victims/attacks, and that money would be better spent on real emergency services jobs.

Last year, the police cut-outs became ⁶robbers/victims. A ⁷gang/witness broke in to a shopping centre and stole 20 cardboard cut-outs. It seems they got away with it because the thieves were never ⁸arrested/attacked. The only witnesses were the cut-out police themselves.

2 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Thieves broke into
 - 2 There was a car crash, but
 - 3 They took a painting that was worth
 - 4 When she saw the fire, she
 - 5 The thief claimed that he
 - 6 The witness reported
 - 7 He managed to escape from jail,
 - 8 She used to belong to a criminal
- a more than a \$100,000.
 - b called the emergency services.
 - c the house and stole valuable jewellery.
 - d but was caught and arrested three days later.
 - e the crime at their local police station.
 - f luckily no one was badly hurt.
 - g gang, but she has changed her life completely and now helps victims of crime.
 - h had been somewhere else at the time.

The situation

I went out for dinner last night with my family at the View Restaurant. The service was amazing, and we had a fun evening. However, after we got home, I realised that we had been overcharged by 30 percent for some expensive drinks, which we definitely hadn't ordered. Shall I complain?

My friend's replies are below. Change the replies to reported speech.

I think that it's terrible!

Will

1 Will said he thought that it was terrible!

I went there last year, and they overcharged me, too!

Katya

2 Katya told me _____

It's not worth it, because they won't give you a refund.

Sam

3 Sam said _____

How are you going to show that you didn't order the drinks?

Li

4 Li asked how _____

I have a friend who complained to a restaurant and was given a free meal!

Martina

5 Martina told me _____

Can you give the place a bad review online instead?

Kasey

6 Kasey asked if _____

I warned you not to go there because they're always overcharging people!

Vijay

7 Vijay said _____

I'll come with you to talk to them if you want me to.

Dee

8 Dee told me _____

I'm never going there again!

Julio

9 Julio said _____