

GRAMMAR passive (all forms);

it is said that..., he is thought to..., etc

Complete the text with the correct active or passive form of the verb in brackets.

As a police officer, I was very upset when my motorbike ¹ was taken (take) from outside my house last month. When I found out that over 20 motorbikes ² _____ (steal) in my area in the previous six months, I promised myself that the thief would ³ _____ (catch) and ⁴ _____ (punish). First my colleagues and I ⁵ _____ (question) all the victims of the thefts and ⁶ _____ (visit) all the motorbike dealers in the area. Our investigations came to an end late last night when we identified the criminal... as my next-door neighbour!

He ⁷ _____ (just arrest) and at the moment he ⁸ _____ (hold) at the local police station. His case ⁹ _____ (hear) in the Magistrate's Court next week and we all ¹⁰ _____ (expect) him to be found guilty. He might ¹¹ _____ (give) a short prison sentence, but the best thing is that no more motorbikes ¹² _____ (steal) in my area in the near future.

Rewrite the sentences.

- 1 It is known that the rapist is a local man.
The rapist is known to be a local man.
- 2 The blackmailer is understood to be a colleague of the victim.
It is understood that the blackmailer is a colleague of the victim.
- 3 It is expected that the man will be acquitted.
The man _____.
- 4 It is reported that kidnappers have taken the president's wife.
Kidnappers _____.
- 5 The terrorists are thought to be in hiding somewhere in France.
It is _____.
- 6 The suspect is known to be dangerous.
It is _____.

- 7 It is reported that vandals have damaged the art gallery.
Vandals _____.
- 8 The police are said to have arrested three men.
It is _____.

have something done

Rewrite the sentences with *have something done*.

- 1 Someone is going to change the lock on my front door.
I'm going to have the lock on my front door changed.
- 2 Someone tests our burglar alarm twice a year.
We _____ twice a year.
- 3 A mechanic has repaired my car.
I _____.
- 4 Someone painted my brother's house.
My brother _____.
- 5 Someone will clean my carpets in the spring.
I _____ in the spring.
- 6 Some men are building a wall around my neighbour's garden.
My neighbours _____ around their garden.
- 7 Someone cleans Oliver's flat once a week.
Oliver _____ once a week.
- 8 A company is redesigning our garden.
We _____.