

a Rewrite the sentences in the passive, without the agent.

The police caught the burglar immediately.

The burglar was caught immediately.

1 Police closed the road after the accident.

The road...

2 Somebody has stolen my handbag.

My handbag...

3 They are painting my house.

My house...

4 They'll hold a meeting tomorrow to discuss the problem.

A meeting...

5 If they hadn't found the bomb in time, it would have exploded.

If the bomb...

6 The police can arrest you for driving without a licence.

You...

7 Miranda thinks someone was following her last night.

Miranda thinks she...

8 I hate somebody waking me up when I'm fast asleep.

I hate...

9 They're going to close the local police station.

The local police station...

b Rephrase the sentences in two ways to make them more formal.

People think the murderer is a woman.

It is thought that the murderer is a woman.

The murderer is thought to be a woman.

1 Police believe the burglar is a local man.

It...

The burglar...

2 People say the muggers are very dangerous.

It...

The muggers...

3 Police think the robber entered through an open window.

It...

The robber...

4 Police say the murderer has disappeared.

It...

The murderer...

5 Lawyers expect that the trial will last three weeks.

It...

The trial...