

- 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...