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Three years ago a bolt of lightning almost (A1) ... Lyn Miller's house with her two children inside. "There was a huge rainstorm," she says, recalling the terrifying experience. "My brother and I were outside desperately working to stop floodwater from coming in the house. Suddenly I (A2) ... to the ground by an enormous bang. When I (A3) ... myself up, the roof and the entire upper storey of the house (A4) The door (A5) ... by rubble (булыжник), but we forced our way in and found the children, thankfully unharmed. Later I was told that to be struck by lightning is a chance in a million." In fact, it is calculated at one chance in 600 000. And if you (A6) ... lightning, you'll be glad to know that a company in America (A7) ... a hand-held lightning detector which can detect lightning up to 70 kms away.

A1.

1) had destroyed 2) destroys 3) destroyed 4) was destroyed

A2.

1) had thrown 2) was thrown 3) threw 4) have been thrown

A3.

1) was picking 2) had been picked 3) picked 4) pick

A4.

1) were destroying 2) had been destroyed 3) destroyed 4) have destroyed

A5.

1) was blocked 2) blocked 3) was blocking 4) has been blocked

A6.

1) had been feared 2) will fear 3) was feared 4) fear

A7.

1) has been manufactured 2) had manufactured 3) were being manufactured 4) has manufactured

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No criminal ever believes that he (A1) ... but it seems that some are trying to make crime detection as easy as possible for the police. In Japan, a country which (A2) ... famous for its peaceful citizens, one robber burst into a shop and demanded money. But as he (A3) ... himself in the CCTV camera (система видеонаблюдения), he changed his mind and asked the shop workers to call the police. Everything had been going fine, he said later, until he realised he (A4) ... to put on his mask. And have you heard about the two British men who tried to rob a shop? Unfortunately, they hadn't cut eyeholes in the woollen masks they (A5) While they were trying to find the counter, they bumped into each other and knocked each other unconscious. 'Don't worry,' said the owner when the men came round, 'I (A6) ... the police and they'll be here in a few minutes. Would you like a cup of tea while you (A7) ... ?'

A1.

1) is caught 2) will be caught 3) catches 4) will catch

A2.

1) is long 2) is long being 3) was long been 4) has long been

A3.

1) has admired 2) admires 3) was admired 4) was admiring

A4.

1) had forgotten 2) was forgetting 3) was forgotten 4) forgets

A5.

1) worn 2) were wearing 3) had been worn 4) were worn

A6.

1) already phone 2) am already phoned 3) have already phoned 4) had already phoned

A7.

1) are waited 2) will be waited 3) are waiting 4) have been waiting