

Exercise 1

Read the information. Then complete the sentences. Use the words and phrases in the box.

When writers use the passive, they often leave out auxiliary verbs and relative pronouns that are not needed.

The sentences in this exercise are perfectly correct with or without the words and phrases that you add.

It is important that when you are reading a text in the IELTS Reading test, you are able to recognise that not all passive verbs necessarily look like passive structures.

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1. The briefcase _____ stolen from the car contained an important business contract.
2. Many of the websites _____ used most frequently by people generate millions of euros in advertising.
3. With my bags already _____ packed, I was ready to set off.
4. The paper will be published and the findings _____ discussed at next year's conference.
5. The identity of the people _____ arrested was not made public for several days .