

They did it for money (passive voice)

1. Look at the headlines and think of two possible details for each story.

Bank customers claim their money was stolen

How to make your savings disappear in ten seconds

Boyfriend who never existed

2. Match the sentence halves.

a) She was sentenced	1) because they'd said they would only accept cash.
b) He withdrew money from an ATM	2) the bank's computers.
c) The police managed	3) that the gang who robbed the bank flew overseas.
d) They hacked	4) to ten years in prison.
e) The investigation discovered	5) to recover the stolen money.

3. Look at the sentences in ex. 2 and answer the questions.

- a) What else can criminals be sentenced to?
- b) Which two verbs in ex. 2 collocate with 'money'?
- c) Which two meanings of the word 'recover' are correct?
 - 1) find/get back
 - 2) destroy
 - 3) become healthy again
- d) What else can be robbed?
- e) What does a detective conduct?

4. You are going to watch a video about a crime. It all started when bank computers were hacked and account information was stolen. Put the statements in the right order to predict what happened.

- a) Cash and expensive watches were noticed.
- b) Most of the money has not been recovered.
- c) The gang members were being watched.
- d) A gang member was arrested.
- e) All withdrawal limits were removed from the accounts.
- f) The gang members were sent ATM numbers.
- g) The hacker was sentenced to eight years in prison.

5. Watch the video [<https://youtu.be/6Vhs0qb6kJE>] and check your answers in ex. 4.

6. Discuss the questions.

- Have you heard of a similar crime to the one in the video? What happened? What punishment did the criminals get?
- Do you think that the punishment of eight years in prison fits the crime? Why/Why not?
- How should the gang members be punished?
- Is there a way for the victims of the crime to recover their money? Should the banks be blamed for their lack of security systems?
- Why do you think people risk so much to steal money from others?

7. Look at the sentences in passive voice and do the tasks below.

- 1) Money was stolen from ATMs.
- 2) The gang members were being watched.
- 3) Most of the money has not been recovered.
- 4) How should the gang members be punished?



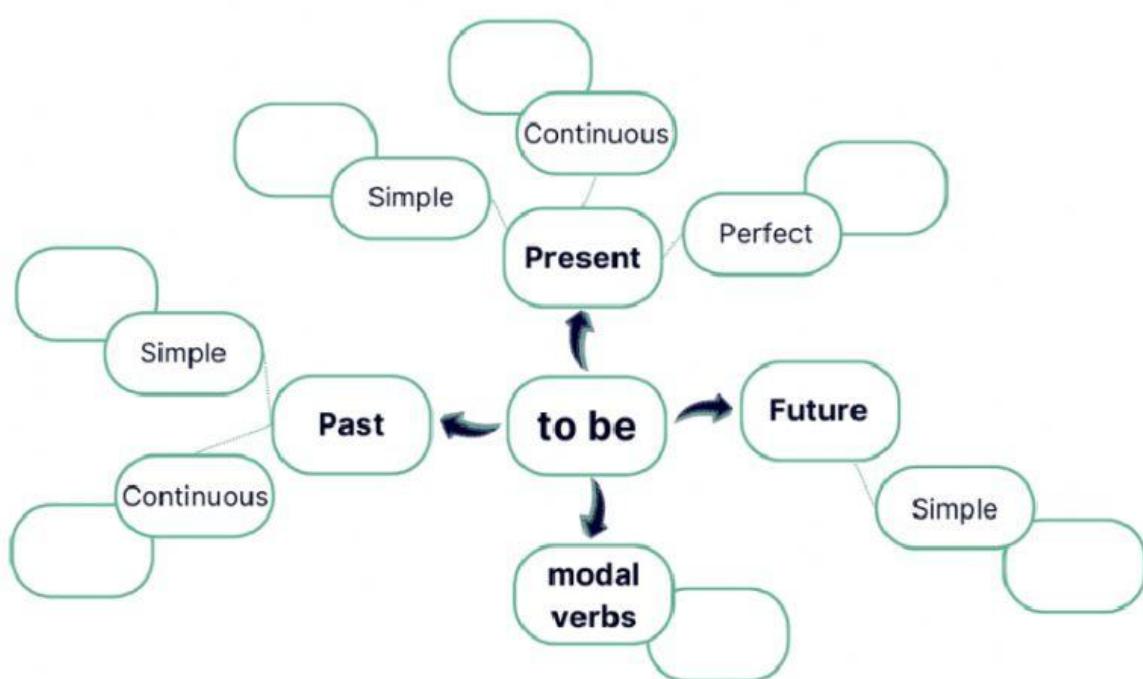
- a) Decide who does the action in each statement: a judge, the hacker, the gang members or the police.
- b) Rewrite the statements in active voice. Start with 'The gang members...', 'The hacker...', 'The police...' or use 'a judge'.
- c) Decide which three grammatical elements a **passive voice** sentence must contain.



- 1) subject (somebody or something taking the action)
- 2) object (somebody or something affected by the action)
- 3) verb 'to be' in the correct form
- 4) past simple (e.g. 'went', 'ate')
- 5) past participle (e.g. 'gone', 'eaten')



- d) Complete the mind map with the correct forms of the verb 'to be'.



8. Read the texts about crimes and choose the correct verb forms. Then, discuss the questions.

a) A woman developed technology which would allow patients to **diagnose/be diagnosed/being diagnosed** using only very small amounts of their blood. The woman started a company and raised hundreds of millions of dollars from investors. It turned out that she never invented anything but she **was convinced/was being convinced/convinced** people that she did. She **has /has been/has being** sentenced to 11 years in prison for **fraud**.

fraud:
lying to get money

- Is 11 years in prison a fair sentence? Why/Why not?
- Have you heard of similar crimes?
- What **could to be done/could they do/could be done** to prevent this type of crime?

b) One morning, a man entered a bank and passed a bag and a note to a member of staff. The note said: 'Put all the money in the bag. I have a gun.' While the bag **was being filled/was filled/filled**, the police came, so the man took the bag and ran. He was caught ten minutes later. Over \$30,000 **were recovered/recovered/was being recovered**.

The man **will probably sentence/will probably being sentenced/will probably be sentenced** to at least ten years in prison.

- Is ten years in prison a fair sentence? Why/Why not?
- Have you heard of similar crimes?
- How **can banks protect/can banks be protected/can be banks protected** themselves from robberies?

9. Look at the pictures and guess what the crimes might be. The crimes are committed for money.



catfishing



social engineering

10. Complete the gaps with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use active or passive voice.

a) Catfishing involves creating a fake online identity to trick people. A catfishing victim (lie) to. He or she starts a relationship with the catfisher, and is soon asked for money. Once the catfisher gets the money, they (ask) for more. Then they disappear.
64% of catfishers (be) women.

b) Manipulating people so that they share sensitive information or do something inappropriate is called social engineering. Victims (might, tell) over the phone that they owe money to a bank and need to transfer it immediately or they (take) to court.
People aged 60 and older (manipulate) and lose money most often.