

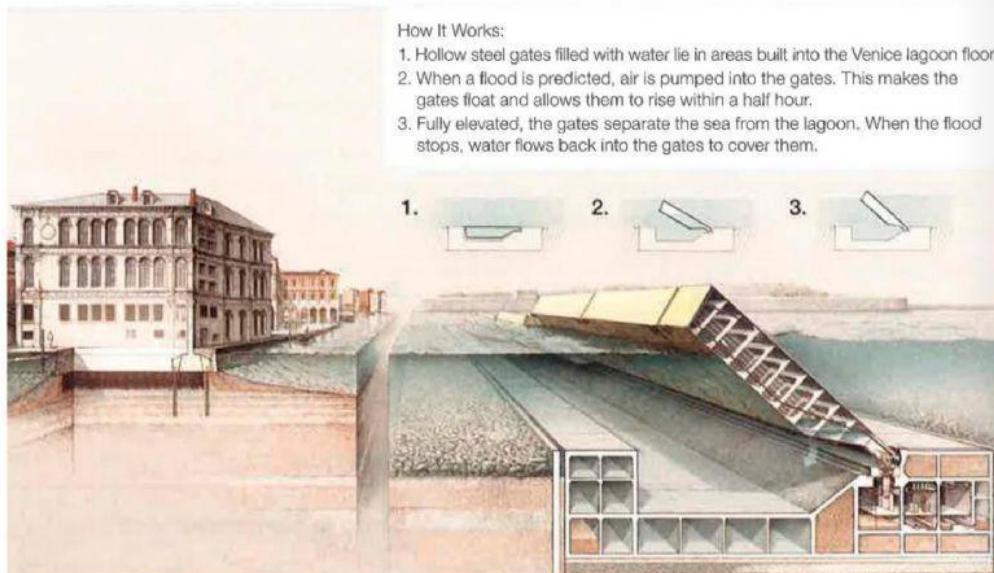
**A** | Complete each sentence with the passive voice of the verb in parentheses. Use the correct verb tense.

1. New Orleans \_\_\_\_\_ badly \_\_\_\_\_ (damage) during Hurricane Katrina in 2005.
2. Eighty percent of the city \_\_\_\_\_ (flood).
3. Some parts of New Orleans \_\_\_\_\_ still \_\_\_\_\_ (rebuild).
4. There have been many meetings to discuss how a similar disaster \_\_\_\_\_ (can, avoid) in the future.
5. A conference on this subject \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) next year.
6. Meanwhile, tourists are returning to New Orleans, and many conventions \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) there every year.



Hurricane Katrina flooded the city of New Orleans, Louisiana.

**B** | Study the diagram of the MOSE flood barrier project in Venice. Work with a partner to complete the conversation about the diagram. Complete the sentences with the active or passive voice of the verb in parentheses. Use the correct tense.



1. **A:** Where will the barriers be constructed (construct)?  
**B:** They \_\_\_\_\_ (construct) in the three places where water enters the Venice lagoon from the Adriatic Sea.
2. **A:** What \_\_\_\_\_ the barriers \_\_\_\_\_ (consist) of?  
**B:** They \_\_\_\_\_ (consist) of 78 giant gates, 92 feet (28 meters) wide and 65 feet (20 meters) across.
3. **A:** What \_\_\_\_\_ the gates \_\_\_\_\_ (attach) to?  
**B:** They \_\_\_\_\_ (attach) to giant concrete bases lying on the sea floor.
4. **A:** When \_\_\_\_\_ the gates \_\_\_\_\_ (raise)?  
**B:** Whenever a high tide \_\_\_\_\_ (predict) and there is a danger of flooding in the city.
5. **A:** How \_\_\_\_\_ the gates \_\_\_\_\_ (raise)?  
**B:** Air \_\_\_\_\_ (pump) into hollow panels in the gate. This \_\_\_\_\_ (force) the gate to rise and form a barrier against the waves.
6. **A:** When \_\_\_\_\_ the project \_\_\_\_\_ (complete)?  
**B:** If everything goes as planned, it \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) in 2012.