

- 1 Complete the article with the verbs in brackets. Use the passive.

There's No Room in Jail!

In the 18th century, a lot of new machines

1. _____ (invent) in Britain, thanks to the Industrial Revolution. As a result, many workers 2. _____

(not need) anymore and they found themselves

without jobs. Poor people often stole food in order to survive and if they

3. _____ (catch), even stealing some bread, they 4. _____ (send)

to prison. The fact that a person had to steal food in order to live or feed his family

5. _____ (not consider) an acceptable reason for the theft (גניבה / سرقة). The

prisons at that time 6. _____ (not build) to hold so many people and soon

they were full. However, the "criminals" 7. _____ (not release) – they

8. _____ (put) on ships to America which, at that time, belonged to Britain.



When the American War of Independence 9. _____ (win) by the

Americans, the British had to find another place to send the prisoners. Australia

10. _____ (choose) as the best place. It took eight months to sail there

and the prisoners 11. _____ (not treat) well during that time.

They 12. _____ (not feed) enough food and many died from diseases.

When the prisoners arrived in Australia they 13. _____ (force) to do very

difficult jobs but somehow, many of them survived. Today, twenty percent of Australians

can say that one of their ancestors (אבות / أسلاف) was a criminal in the 18th century!