

UNIT 5 (PAST HABITS & STATES - THE PASSIVE)

1. If it's possible, make a sentence with 'would + infinitive'. If it's not possible, use 'used to + infinitive'.

1. I / have short hair when I was a teenager.

2. We / go to the same little café for lunch every day when I was a student.

3. She / love playing badminton before she hurt her shoulder.

4. He / walk along the beach every evening before bed.

5. I / always lose when I played chess with my father.

6. She / be able to dance very well.

7. My grandfather / drink a cup of coffee after dinner every night.

8. Luke / not have a car.

9. We / live in Brazil.

10. My family / often go to the countryside for the weekend when I was young.

2. Underline the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

- a) Their new house hasn't been finished/wasn't finished yet.
- b) The robbers were arrested/have been arrested as soon as they left the bank.
- c) Sue told us her baby is born/had been born two weeks earlier than expected.
- d) If there is too much snow, the match has been cancelled/will be cancelled.
- e) By the time we got there, the rain had stopped/had been stopped.
- f) When were you told/have you been told about the new rules?
- g) Most of the passengers were swimming/were swum easily to the shore.
- h) The winning horse was ridden/was riding by Pat Murphy.
- i) I looked again for the old man, but he was vanished/had vanished.
- j) I don't think that you will be asked/are being asked to show your passport.

3. Complete each sentence with a passive verb.

a) The police questioned George.

George was questioned by the police.

b) Millions of people watch this programme.

This programme by millions of people.

c) They will finish our new house at the end of the month.

Our new house at the end of the month.

d) They've elected a new president.

A new president

e) They're rebuilding the damaged stadium.

The damaged stadium

f) They've closed the mountain road.
The mountain road
g) Students write most of this magazine.
Most of this magazine by students.
h) A burglar stole my laptop.
My laptop by a burglar.
i) Somebody will meet you at the bus station.
You at the bus station
j) United won the cup last year.
Last year the cup by United.

4. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

a) Archaeologists have discovered a new tomb in Egypt.
A new tomb ...*has been discovered*... by archaeologists in Egypt.
b) The President will open the new sports stadium on Saturday.
The new sports stadium by the President on Saturday.
c) Picasso painted this portrait.
This portrait Picasso.
d) They will announce the results of the competition tomorrow.
The results of the competition tomorrow.
e) They're redecorating our school during the summer holidays.
Our school during the summer holidays.
f) The police in New York have arrested three terrorists.
Three terrorists in New York.
g) Our company sells more than 1,000 cars every week.
More than 1,000 cars our company every week.
h) They're building a new museum in the city centre.
A new museum in the city centre.

5. Rewrite each sentence with a passive verb, so that the names of people are not mentioned.

a) The authorities have closed the casino.
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b) The clubs have postponed the match.
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c) People all over the world speak English.
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d) The authorities have opened the new swimming pool.
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e) Someone left this purse in the classroom yesterday.
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f) The city council has banned traffic from the city centre.
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g) People have elected a new government.
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h) Someone broke into the flat last week.
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