



Read the article below. Is it clear who does the action in each sentence? Explain your answer.



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Local Charity Concert

¹ Mental and physical health benefits **can be increased** by spending time in nature and in green spaces. ² Since 2010, hundreds of city teens **have been given** a two-week wilderness experience by the charity Nature for Youth. ³ Now, so that more teens can participate, a major fundraising campaign **is being launched**. ⁴ A concert **will be held** on 18th July, in Riverside Park, with several local bands as well as a surprise appearance. Tickets are £10-£100, with all money going directly to Nature for Youth.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The weather forecast ... (rely on) by people all over the world.
- 2 The forest ... (cut down) a hundred years ago.
- 3 The trail ... (not mark) by the park rangers yet.
- 4 Our town ... (evacuate) by the local authorities in the next few days.
- 5 At the moment, efforts ... (make) to protect the eagles.

2 Complete the text with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check your answers.

Wild Weather

At this very minute, somewhere in the world, plans ¹ ... (cancel) because of the weather. While this might be annoying, it's just a minor inconvenience. But did you know that history ² ... (change) by the weather? In 1588, for example, the Spanish Armada ³ ... (order) to invade England. They might have succeeded if a strong wind hadn't started blowing – a wind which Queen Elizabeth I claimed ⁴ ... (send) to protect England. And in France, extreme weather brought about political change. In 1788, a drought caused widespread crop failure and lack of food. When people ⁵ ... (face) with hunger, trouble often follows. This was no exception, and the French Revolution began not long after. These are just a few examples of how history ⁶ ... (can / affect) by the weather. Hopefully, this will help put your next cancelled picnic into perspective!



The Spanish Armada (1588)

3 Write questions in the passive using the words below. Then answer the questions about the text in Exercise 2.

- 1 Why / plans / cancel / at this moment / ?
- 2 What / the Spanish Armada / order / to do / in 1588 / ?
- 3 Why / the wind / send / according to Queen Elizabeth I / ?
- 4 How / French Revolution / trigger / ?

4 Complete the sentences in the passive to form a short text. Use the words in brackets. Do not change the original meaning.

1815

- 1 Dust particles from a volcanic eruption changed the weather. (was)
The weather
- 2 In the Northern Hemisphere, farmers couldn't grow crops because of cold weather. (grown)
Crops
- 3 At the same time, heatwaves caused diseases in the Southern Hemisphere. (by)
Diseases

Today

- 4 Experts are blaming global warming for the melting of the glaciers. (blamed)
Global warming
- 5 The melted water will flood many places. (be)
Many places
- 6 Floods have already damaged many cities. (been)
Many cities

GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

5 Complete the blog entry with the verbs in brackets. Use the active or passive.



Tim's BLOG

As you all know, I'm living in Florida now. Hurricanes are common here, since we're near the ocean and that is where hurricanes ¹ ... (create). The worst one in recent years was in 2018, when we first ² ... (move) here. Before the hurricane, we ³ ... (cover) all our windows with big pieces of wood. However, it wasn't enough. Our house ⁴ ... almost completely ... (destroy), and it ⁵ ... (have to / rebuild). We learned our lesson, and this year we're doing even more to protect our home. We're also preparing a hurricane kit, with food and water, batteries and first-aid supplies. Everything ⁶ ... (deliver) tomorrow. If there's a really bad hurricane, we ⁷ ... (evacuate) by the authorities, but if that ⁸ ... (not happen), we'll have everything we need to survive.

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CRITICAL THINKING**

Why do you think people live in areas at high risk of hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters? Would you move to one of those areas if you were offered a job there?

6 Complete the passages about unusual geographical phenomena with the verbs below. Use the active or passive.

not melt | freeze | call

1

Penitentes

The sun is shining on the Andes, but the snow ¹ As a result, it has become a vapour which ² ... later ... by cold air into large pieces of ice. These pieces ³ ... penitentes and they are an amazing sight.



look | catch | can find

2

Pele's Hair Lava

Imagine a giant bird's nest lying on the ground. That's what hair lava ⁴ ... like. It forms when drops of lava ⁵ ... by the wind, which then stretches the lava up to two metres in length. In Hawaii, this phenomenon is named after Pele, the goddess of volcanoes. Hair lava ⁶ ... also ... in Norway, where it is called Witch's Hair.



7 Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

- 1 The rescue workers saved many earthquake victims.
- 2 The venom of this fish could kill you.
- 3 Global warming often causes extreme weather.
- 4 Hikers have never reached this mountain peak.
- 5 Many people are making a lot of effort to save these eagles.
- 6 The public will donate millions of dollars.

GRAMMAR IN USE

8 Imagine the area where you live is going to be affected by a severe snowstorm. Discuss what can be done to prepare for it and how people will be affected. Use the passive and the ideas below.

- cancel school
- buy emergency supplies
- keep batteries and generators close by

Young children won't be allowed to play outside.

Extra emergency supplies will be bought by many people.

