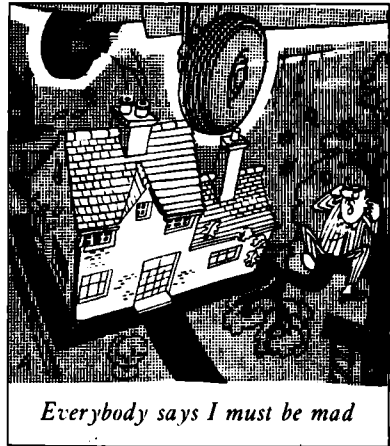


## 21 Mad or Not?

Aeroplanes are slowly driving me mad. I live near an airport and passing planes can be heard night and day. The airport was built during the war, but for some reason it could not be used then. Last year, however, it came into use. Over a hundred people must have been driven away from their homes by the noise. I am one of the few people left. Sometimes I think this house will be knocked down by a passing plane. I have been offered a large sum of money to go away, but I am determined to stay here. Everybody says I must be mad and they are probably right.



*Everybody says I must be mad*

### Comprehension Précis and Composition

Answer these questions *in not more than 50 words*.

1. Is the writer slowly going mad or not?
2. Where does he live?
3. What can be heard night and day?
4. Have most of his neighbours left their homes or not?
5. Has he been offered money to leave or not?
6. What is he determined to do?
7. What does everyone say?
8. Are they probably right or wrong?

### Key Structures

Passing planes can be heard night and day. See KS 31

*a* Read these pairs of sentences carefully. The first sentence in each pair tells us about *a person*. (Who) The second tells us about *a thing*. (What or Which)

*He will repair your watch.* (Who)

*Your watch will be repaired.* (What)

*He can repair your watch.* (Who)

*Your watch can be repaired.* (What)

*They must test this new car.* (Who)

*This new car must be tested.* (What)

*You have to write this letter again.* (Who)

*This letter has to be written again.* (What)

*I told you he could do it.* (Who)

*I told you it could be done.* (What)

*I told you he would do it.* (Who)

*I told you it would be done.* (What)

*I can't find my bag. Someone has stolen it.* (Who)

*I can't find my bag. It has been stolen.* (What)

*I can't find my bag. Someone must have stolen it.* (Who)

*I can't find my bag. It must have been stolen.* (What)

*b Instead of saying :*

The police will arrest the thieves.

You must pay me for this.

They cannot find him.

*We can say :*

The thieves will be arrested (by the police).

I must be paid for this.

He cannot be found.

### Exercises

A. There are some verbs in the passage which are like the examples given above. Can you find them?

B. Change the form of the phrases in italics. Do not refer to the passage until you finish the exercise:

I live near an airport and *I can hear passing planes* night and day. *They built the airport* during the war, but for some reason *they could not use it* then. Last year, however it came into use. *The noise must have driven over a hundred people away* from their homes. I am one of the few people left. Sometimes I think *a passing plane will knock down this house*. *They have offered me a large sum of money* to go away, but I am determined to stay here.

C. Change the form of these sentences. Your sentences must begin with the words in italics:

1. I will send *a message* immediately.
2. We must sell *all these goods*.
3. I told you he would receive *the parcel* in time.
4. He has to deliver *the letter* by hand.
5. They must have lost *your letter* in the post.

## Special Difficulties

Words Often Confused and Misused

*a Drive.*

This verb can be used in many ways. Study these examples:

Aeroplanes are slowly driving me mad. (l. 1)

He drives his car very badly.

The farmer drove the cattle into the field.

Our army drove the enemy back.

During the war, many people were driven out of their homes.

*b Home and House.* (ll. 8 and 10)

Study these examples:

After work I always go home. I stay at home during the week-end. There is no place like home.

They are building many new houses in our district. Houses are very expensive. I paid a lot of money for a new house.

### Exercises

A. Write sentences using: drive out of, drive back and drive into.

B. Supply *house(s)* or *home* in the following:

1. It was raining heavily and I was glad to get . . .
2. The government plans to build thousands of . . . next year.
3. He is very rich. He owns a . . . in the country.
4. Most people like to spend their Christmas holidays at . . .