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Your regular expression:

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(\b(?:belamlisarelwaslwereIhaveIhasIhad)\b[\w\s]{,15}?(?:dl(?:<lwhe)nInelleftlbeing)\b(?: by\b)?)
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IGNORECASE

MULTILINE

DOTALL

VERBOSE

Your test string:

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Match result:

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The vase **was broken**. (Passive voice is appropriate when you don't know who performed the action).
The toy **was chewed by** the dog.
The stuffed animal **was well loved by** the little girl.
The laundry **is always done by** Mom.
These cookies **were baked** at the grocery store bakery.
A sentence **is written** in active voice when the subject of the sentence performs the action in the sentence.
A sentence **is written** in passive voice when the subject of the sentence **has an** action done to it by someone or something else.
A stone smashed the window.
Daniel was watching the birds.
The dog **was being** washed by the girl.
The girl was washing the dog.
Fred told Johnny a lie.
James climbed the ladder.
James couldn't see the man.
James hit the tree with his stick.
Mark **was eating an** apple.
Mark **was given** a warning.
Sam baked a big cake.
Susan found her car keys.
The actors **had performed** the play by Shakespeare.
The boy picked up the coin.
The boys pushed the tree over.
The car **had been** driven into a wall by a naughty child.
The car **was fixed**.
The card **was made by Fred**.

Match captures:

Match 1

1. are written

Match 2

1. was found by

Match 3

1. were disliked by

Match 4

1. was enjoyed by

Match 5

1. were created by

Match 6

1. was left

Match 7

1. was broken

Match 8

1. was chewed by

Match 9

1. was well loved by

Match 10

The crisp packet **was thrown** away.
The egg **was laid by** the bird.
The football **was kicked by** Luke.
The key **was used** to open the door.
The knife **was left** on the table by Julie.
The man jumped off the step.
The milk **had been** knocked over by a cat.
The pencil **had been** lost.
The phone **was being** used by Mr Thomas.
The picture **was painted by** Bob.
The policeman chased after Fred.
The windows **had been** washed.
Tina opened the present.

1. is always done by

Match 11

1. were baked

Match 12

1. is written

Match 13

1. is written

Match 14

1. has an

Match 15

1. was being

Match 16

1. was eating an

Match 17

1. was given

Match 18

1. had performed

Match 19

1. had been

Match 20

1. was fixed

Match 21

1. was made by Fred

Match 22

1. was thrown

Match 23

1. was laid by

Match 24

1. was kicked by

Match 25

1. was used

Match 26

1. was left

Match 27

1. had been

Match 28

1. had been

Match 29

1. was being

Match 30

1. was painted by

Match 31

1. had been

Regular expression cheatsheet

Special characters

<code>\</code>	escape special characters
<code>.</code>	matches any character
<code>^</code>	matches beginning of string
<code>\$</code>	matches end of string
<code>[5b-d]</code>	matches any chars '5', 'b', 'c' or 'd'
<code>[^a-c6]</code>	matches any char except 'a', 'b', 'c' or '6'
<code>R S</code>	matches either regex <code>R</code> or regex <code>S</code>
<code>()</code>	creates a capture group and indicates precedence

Quantifiers

<code>*</code>	0 or more (append <code>?</code> for non-greedy)
<code>+</code>	1 or more (append <code>?</code> for non-greedy)
<code>?</code>	0 or 1 (append <code>?</code> for non-greedy)
<code>{m}</code>	exactly <code>m</code> occurrences
<code>{m, n}</code>	from <code>m</code> to <code>n</code> . <code>m</code> defaults to 0, <code>n</code> to infinity
<code>{m, n}?</code>	from <code>m</code> to <code>n</code> , as few as possible

Special sequences

<code>\A</code>	start of string
<code>\b</code>	matches empty string at word boundary (between <code>\w</code> and <code>\w</code>)
<code>\B</code>	matches empty string not at word boundary
<code>\d</code>	digit
<code>\D</code>	non-digit
<code>\s</code>	whitespace: <code>[\t\n\r\f\v]</code>
<code>\S</code>	non-whitespace
<code>\w</code>	alphanumeric: <code>[0-9a-zA-Z_]</code>
<code>\W</code>	non-alphanumeric
<code>\Z</code>	end of string
<code>\g<id></code>	matches a previously defined group

Special sequences

<code>(?iLmsux)</code>	matches empty string, sets re.X flags
<code>(?:...)</code>	non-capturing version of regular parentheses
<code>(?P...)</code>	matches whatever matched previously named group
<code>(?P=)</code>	digit
<code>(?#...)</code>	a comment; ignored
<code>(?=...)</code>	lookahead assertion: matches without consuming
<code>(?!...)</code>	negative lookahead assertion
<code>(?<=...)</code>	lookbehind assertion: matches if preceded
<code>(?<!...)</code>	negative lookbehind assertion
<code>(? (id)yes no)</code>	match 'yes' if group 'id' matched, else 'no'

Based on tartley's [python-regex-cheatsheet](https://pythex.org/).

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