

5 Underline the correct form of the verb.

- 1 The old lady was mugged/mug in the street yesterday.
- 2 The murderer arrested/was arrested.
- 3 The shoplifter was given/gave a fine.
- 4 My wallet was taken/took by a pickpocket.
- 5 The bank rob/was robbed. They took/was taken £10,000.
- 6 The jury decided/was decided that he was guilty.
- 7 My computer stole/was stolen from the library.
- 8 My house was burgled/burgled last week.
- 9 The burglars stole/were stolen the DVD player.
- 10 The politician was punished/punished for not paying his taxes.

6 Correct the mistakes in five of the sentences.

- 1 The thief was caught with the painting in his house.
- 2 The judge ~~was~~ sent the criminal to prison for five years. *was*
- 3 The crime witnessed by three different people.
- 4 Fourteen crimes ~~was~~ *were* committed last week in the city centre.
- 5 The police were given a description of the criminal by the group of witnesses.
- 6 In five years the number of robberies was reduced by ten percent.
- 7 The judge ~~was given~~ *gave* a fine to Anna for speeding.
- 8 James ~~was done~~ his community service in local schools.

Reading

7 Read the news story about a British criminal and mark the statements true (T) or false (F).

Britain's oldest criminal has just been released from prison.

James Morton is a grandfather who has spent more than half his life in prison. However, last week, after he was released, Morton promised he wouldn't go back again. 'This job is getting too difficult,' he said. 'Everywhere you go there are TV cameras, on the street, in shops and in banks.'



Morton was first sent to prison in 1955, when he was sentenced by a judge to three years for being part of a gang that was robbing houses. The last time he was sent to prison was also for robbery, this time for robbing a bank. He was in prison for seven years for this crime. When giving him the sentence, judge Alfred Underwood told him: 'You are a career criminal. If you don't change your ways, you will die in prison.'

In total Morton has been in sixteen different prisons for fifty-four different crimes, the most serious being the last one. His favourite prison is Yorkshire Central Prison. 'The food there is great,' he said. The worst, the Greater London Prison. According to Morton it's extremely small and there is no room for proper exercise.

Outside the prison on the day of his release Morton said he wanted to spend more time with his five children and seven grandchildren. He has told them all about the dangers of a life of crime. Unfortunately they haven't all listened. His oldest grandchild was arrested by the police last year for stealing a car.

- 1 James Morton has spent half of his life in prison. *F more than half*
- 2 He was first sent to prison in 1955. *T*
- 3 The first time he was sent to prison it was for seven years. *F 3 years*
- 4 Morton has committed fifty-four different crimes. *T*
- 5 He thinks the food in the Yorkshire Central Prison was very good. *T*
- 6 The Greater London Prison has a lot of space. *F it's extremely small*
- 7 Morton has seven children and five grandchildren. *F 5/7*
- 8 One of Morton's children was arrested for stealing a car. *F not child but grandchild*

9 Review and practice

- 1** Complete the sentences with *can('t)* or *could(n't)* and the verbs from the box.

finish help lift play sleep stand
take tell

- 1 can't lift this box. It's too heavy.
1 Alice has an amazing memory. She can tell you the capital city of every country in the world.
2 I didn't take my camera on holiday, so I couldn't take any photos.
3 I can't help with the housework now. I've got some free time.
4 When Michael was younger, he was very good at gymnastics. He could stand on his hands!
5 I hurt my leg last week, so I can't play tennis today, I'm afraid.
6 A: You look awful.
B: Yes, I couldn't sleep at all last night!
7 I can't finish this report. I don't have all the statistics.

- 2** Make questions with *can*, *could*, *was/were able to* and the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one form is possible.

We're thinking of moving to Spain. (speak)

Can you speak Spanish?

- 1 Ellie would like to learn the saxophone. (read music) Can she read music?
2 We had a fantastic room in the hotel. (see the sea) Were you able to see the sea?
3 Pete wants to buy a car. (how much/afford) How much can he afford?
4 My interview went really well. (answer all the questions) Were you able to answer all?
5 My dog is very clever. (what/do) What is he able to do?
6 Tania loved speaking languages as a child. (how many/speak) How many languages can she speak?

- 3** Find the mistakes in five of the sentences and correct them.

She spoke clear to the whole group. clearly

- 1 Tina looked at me sad and walked away.
2 My brother plays the guitar good. well
3 The thief entered the house quietly through the back door.
4 He sat down and opened carefully the letter.
5 The children played in the park happy all afternoon.
6 Nervously, he talked about what happened that day.
7 The security guard polite asked him to leave.

- 4** Rewrite the sentences in the Past Simple Passive starting with the words given.

Somebody took the keys from my desk.

The keys were taken from my desk.

- 1 The police arrested more than fifty people.
More than 50 ppl were arrested by
2 They opened the store at exactly 9 a.m.
The store was opened at 9am.
3 They paid me a lot of money to do the job.
I was paid.
4 Nobody met us at the airport.
We were not met.
5 They rescued everybody from the ship.
Everybody was rescued.
6 Somebody cleaned all the classrooms yesterday.
All the rooms were cleaned.

- 5** Correct the underlined words.

Tom got applied to Marketing Director with a much higher salary. He's really pleased. promoted

- 1 She's a very good interviewer. She's got every job she has applied for. qualification
2 I don't have the right experience for this job. I don't have a degree in mathematics.
3 They pay us a wage of twenty percent of our annual salary if we reach our targets. bonus
4 A secretary is usually the first person you meet when you go in the building. receptionist
5 She's been voted 'employ of the month'! She's met all her targets.
6 I'm not going to take the job because I don't want to do shift job. work

- 6** Put the letters in the correct order.

They all thought that a large fine would be the best punishment. (einf)

- 1 There are normally twelve men and women on a jury. (yruj)
2 He had to clean the streets as part of his 200 hours of community service. (motymunic)
3 There was only one witness but he saw the thief very clearly. (nstiswe)
4 Three men were arrested by the police for breaking into a jewellery shop. (radetser)
5 He was found guilty and sent to prison for five years. (tulygi)
6 The victim lost a lot of money because the thieves used his credit card. (micivt)