

42.1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

cause	damage	hold	invite	make
overtake	show	surround	translate	write

- Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- Cheese is made from milk.
- The roof of the building was damaged in a storm a few days ago.
- You weren't invited to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- A cinema is a place where films are shown.
- In the United States, elections for president are held every four years.
- Originally the book was written in Spanish, and a few years ago it was translated into English.
- Although we were driving fast, we were overtaken by a lot of other cars.
- You can't see the house from the road. It is surrounded by trees.

42.2 Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

- Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?
- Ask about television. (when / invent?) When was television invented?
- Ask about mountains. (how / form?) How were mountains formed?
- Ask about antibiotics. (when / discover?) When were antibiotics discovered?
- Ask about silver. (what / use for?) What is silver used for?

42.3 Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
- Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
- Water covers (cover) most of the earth's surface.
- How much of the earth's surface is covered (cover) by water?
- The park gates are locked (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- The letter was sent (send) a week ago and it (arrive) yesterday.
- The boat hit a rock and sank (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody was rescued (rescue).
- Robert's parents died (die) when he was very young. He and his sister were brought up (bring up) by their grandparents.
- I was born in London, but I grew up (grow up) in Canada.
- While I was on holiday, my camera was stolen (steal) from my hotel room.
- While I was on holiday, my camera disappeared (disappear) from my hotel room.
- Why did Sue resign (Sue / resign) from her job? Didn't she enjoy it?
- Why was Ben fired (Ben / fire) from his job? Did he do something wrong?
- The company is not independent. It is owned (own) by a much larger company.
- I saw an accident last night. Somebody called (call) an ambulance but nobody was injured (injure), so the ambulance wasn't needed (not / need).
- Where were these pictures taken (these pictures / take)? In London?
Did you take (you / take) them, or somebody else?
- Sometimes it's quite noisy living here, but it's not a problem for me –
I am not bothered (not / bother) by it.

42.4 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody, they, people** etc., write a passive sentence.

- Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
- They cancelled all flights because of fog. All flights were cancelled because of fog.
- People don't use this road much. This road isn't used much.
- Somebody accused me of stealing money. I was accused of stealing money.
- How do people learn languages? How are languages learned?
- People warned us not to go out alone. We were warned not to go out alone.