

Exercises

45.1 Write these sentences in another way, beginning as shown. Use the underlined word each time.

- 1 It is expected that the strike will end soon. The strike is expected to end soon.
- 2 It is expected that the weather will be good tomorrow.
The weather is
- 3 It is believed that the thieves got in through a window in the roof.
The thieves
- 4 It is reported that many people are homeless after the floods.
Many people
- 5 It is thought that the prisoner escaped by climbing over a wall.
The prisoner
- 6 It is alleged that the man was driving at 110 miles an hour.
The man
- 7 It is reported that the building has been badly damaged by the fire.
The building
- 8 a It is said that the company is losing a lot of money.
The company
b It is believed that the company lost a lot of money last year.
The company
c It is expected that the company will make a loss this year.
The company

45.2 There are a lot of rumours about Alan. Here are some of the things people say about him:

- 1 Alan speaks ten languages.
- 2 He knows a lot of famous people.
- 3 He is very rich.
- 4 He has twelve children.
- 5 He was an actor when he was younger.



Nobody is sure whether these things are true. Write sentences about Alan using **supposed to**.

- 1 Alan is supposed to speak ten languages.
- 2 He
- 3
- 4
- 5

45.3 Complete the sentences using **supposed to be** + the following:

on a diet a flower my friend a joke ~~a secret~~ working

- 1 How is it that everybody seems to know about the plan? It is supposed to be a secret.
- 2 You shouldn't criticise me all the time. You
- 3 I shouldn't be eating this cake really. I
- 4 I'm sorry for what I said. I was trying to be funny. It
- 5 What's this drawing? Is it a tree? Or maybe it
- 6 You shouldn't be reading the paper now. You

45.4 Write sentences with **supposed to** + the following verbs:

block depart ~~park~~ phone start

Use the negative (**not supposed to**) where necessary.

- 1 You 're not supposed to park here. It's private parking only.
- 2 We work at 8.15, but we rarely do anything before 8.30.
- 3 Oh, I Helen last night, but I completely forgot.
- 4 This door is a fire exit. You it.
- 5 My flight at 11.30, but it was an hour late.