

Passive Constructions

1). Rewrite the sentence from a news report about Doctor Martin Crispin.

1. A leading private surgeon is reported to be under investigation for fraud.
2. Dr. Martin Crispin is believed to own three private clinics in London.
3. Dr. Crispin and his colleagues are said to charge up to £1,000 for a consultation.
4. Dr. Crispin was supposed to have qualified in South Africa.
5. He is now known never to have trained as a surgeon.
6. His medical certificates are now assumed to be fakes.
7. He was considered to be a specialist in cosmetic surgery.
8. Dr. Crispin is understood to have been saved recently by five different patients.
9. Two of his colleagues are alleged to have performed surgery while drunk.
10. The doctor and his wife are presumed to have gone into hiding this morning.

2). Change the sentences.

1. This road seems to be taking us nowhere.
2. We appear to have taken a wrong turn.
3. It appeared that Simon had taken the wrong medicine.
4. It seemed that he felt better nevertheless.
5. The government seems to have changed its policy.
6. They appear to be seriously worried about losing the next election.

Antibiotics losing effectiveness in every country, says WHO



Antibiotics are reported to be losing their power to fight infections in every country in the world, according to a new report from the World Health Organization (WHO). The situation could have devastating consequences for public health, and they need to come up with new antibiotics.



Fork found in man's stomach

A 40-year-old man who was thought to be suffering from stomach cramps was found to have a nine-inch plastic fork inside his stomach when doctors operated on him.

Lee Gardner appears to have swallowed the fork ten years ago, when he confused it for banana.

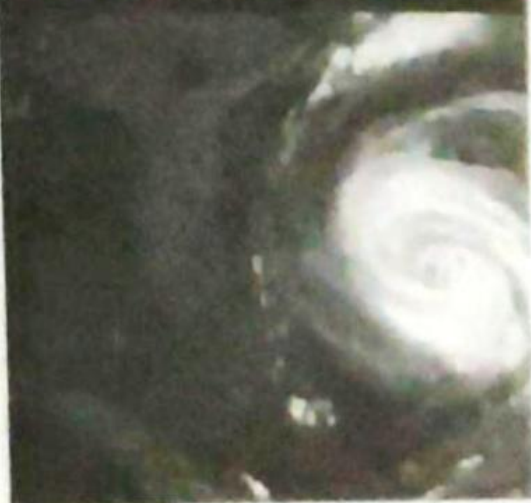
PM to call election after no-confidence vote

The Prime Minister is on the brink of calling a new election, after the government failed to win a vote of no confidence tabled by the opposition last night.

Although the government had been expected to win the vote comfortably, the news of the Prime Minister has shocked the nation.



HURRICANE WINDS SET TO WREAK HAVOC OVER WEEKEND



Hurricane force winds are expected to reach southern areas of the country on Saturday morning, and spread northwards over the following 24 hours. It's thought that this can be the worst hurricane in the history.

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Athlete fails drugs test and loses medal

Heptathlete Nigel Jenkins has failed a drugs test after winning a gold medal at the National Athletics Championships on Saturday. Jenkins (23) achieved a personal best in the event, but is alleged for using drugs to boost his performance.



PRICELESS PAINTINGS LOST IN FIRE TRAGEDY

Some of the world's greatest modern artworks are believed to have been destroyed in the fire that swept through the National Gallery in the early hours of the morning. The fire destroyed hundreds million of dollar but there was no injured.