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Grammar U4: passive voice and conditionals

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1. Read the text and underline all the passive verbs you come across. 2/12

2. Transform the passive sentences (see ex. 1) in which the by-agent is known into active sentences. 2/12

While the socialite partied with friends,
a group of girls ransacked and burgled her bedroom. ✓

But another guest had spotted the thieves. ✓

3. Now, do the opposite: transform these active sentences into passive ones. Mention the agent. 3/15

• A band of female misfits has stolen bikinis, purses and pictures.
Bikinis, purses and pictures were stolen by a band
of female misfits. ✓

• The robbers left Hilton's belongings in the street.
Hilton's belongings were left in the street by the
robbers. ✓

• Her beefed up security system couldn't stop the bandits. stopped by her
The bandits couldn't have been stopped by her
beefed up security system. ✓

• My housekeeper will leave the key under the mat.
The key will be left under the mat by my
housekeeper. ✓

• Hilton is taking care of the problem.
The problem is being taken care of by Hilton. ✓

Paris Hilton's Malibu home robbed for the seventh time: 'I have bad luck when it comes to thieves'

While the socialite partied with friends, her bedroom was ransacked and burgled by a group of girls.

'I have bad luck when it comes to thieves,' Paris Hilton tweeted Aug. 4.

Paris Hilton's Malibu home was the subject of burglary for the seventh time.

While the Hollywood socialite partied with guests in her home last weekend, a band of female misfits stole bikinis, purses and pictures from her bedroom, TMZ reports.

'I have bad luck when it comes to thieves,' the 32-year-old heiress tweeted Sunday. 'They tried to steal my new collection of Paris Hilton purses from my Malibu house.'

But the thieves had been spotted by another guest. They left Hilton's belongings in the street where a driver recovered them and turned them into police. Still, no police report was filed.

Her Malibu home has been robbed six times before. Similar incidents at her Hollywood Hills home were the inspiration behind Sofia Coppola's 'The Bling Ring' as a group of teenagers allegedly got away with \$2 million worth of Hilton's jewelry and a number of designer outfits from 2008 to 2009. Just as in the film, the thieves even tried to take off with one of her pups.

While Hilton made a cameo in the film, it's no laughing matter when it affects her real life. Still, she's prepared to continue calling the Malibu mansion her home.

'When it first happened, I'd already had so many other experiences at other houses I've lived at in the Hollywood Hills with stalkers, people climbing my gates, and tour buses full of people driving by,' Hilton told *The Daily Beast* in a previous interview. 'I've always been used to this. But living in a gated community is the safest place you could live in L.A. Even though it happened to me and it's scary, I just had to up the security in and around my house with cameras, laser beams and the most high-tech system.'

But her beefed up security system didn't stop the bandits from striking during her fiesta Saturday.

'My housekeeper had been there and left the key under the mat for me, so they took the key, made a copy of it and brought it back. The kids basically had their own copy of the key and broke into my home, like, six times.'

Source: www.nydailynews.com

4. Complete the sentences below. Use the correct conditional.

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- If he (get/not) hadn't got into his car drunk, the police wouldn't have arrested him for DUI.
- What would you do if you (become) became famous overnight?
- If your mum sees you, you (get) will get punished.
- If Johnny Cochran hadn't defended O.J. Simpson during his murder trial, (find/the jury) wouldn't the jury have found him not guilty too?
- If Laura Bush (run/not) hadn't run a stop sign, she wouldn't have caused the fatal accident.
- If Jay Z had never met Beyoncé, they (have/not) wouldn't have had their daughter Ivy.
- If Mark Wahlberg (be/not) hadn't been such a troublemaker when he was young, he wouldn't have been arrested so many times before reaching the age of 16.
- If Steve (be) was here, he would tell you all about it.

5. Finish these sentences, using the correct conditional. Be creative!

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- If I come home too late, I will not have much time to study for the maths test. (a lot of)
- If I had forgotten Unit 5, I wouldn't have got a warning because I wasn't in the class.
- If Rihanna called me tomorrow, I would ask her to make a song for me.

