

The passive; The passive – verbs with two objects; The passive with say, know, believe, etc.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use each verb once. There is one extra verb.

affect • destroy • evacuate • flood • predict • spread

- In 2015, many buildings in Western Mexico by the strongest hurricane ever recorded.
- In December 2015, some towns in northern England after heavy rain.
- California by drought since 2011.
- Heavy rain to fall over the next few days due to a new area of low pressure.
- When a volcano starts producing lava and ash, the local residents should for their own safety.

2 Circle the correct answer.

- The flood widespread damage to the town.
a caused b was caused c did cause
- The hurricane to hit the coast at 2 pm, but in the end, it changed direction.
a forecasted b was forecast c forecast
- The survivors eight hours after the avalanche occurred.
a found b was found c were found
- Forest fires rapidly when it hasn't rained for a long time.
a are spread b spread c were spread
- When a town is evacuated, the evacuees accommodation in special shelters.
a gave b were given c are given

3 Rewrite the sentences with the person/people as the subject.

- Aid was promised to the refugees living in the mountains.
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- An award was given to Beyoncé for her charity work.
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- A special prize was awarded to the local firefighters for their hard work.
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- Temporary accommodation in a sports centre was given to the evacuees.
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- Money was lent to the survivors to help them rebuild their lives.
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4 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- Global warming is believed to be one of the causes of the rise in extreme weather, but scientists are not sure.
- London is claim to be the most popular city for tourists to visit.
- Many people have be reported missing after the severe floods.
- It is not knew how many animals died in the disaster.
- The award for the most successful charity was presented for the Queen.

5 Find ten extra words in the text.

Never-ending drought

Between 2011 and 2016, California experienced its longest-ever period of drought. In January 2015, a state of emergency was declared in California as the drought entered its fourth year. Assistance programs were being created to help residents facing water shortages. Some farms were granted by government funds to help them continue working. In June, emergency conservation regulations were been introduced to make people reduce water use. In some cities, the problem became so serious that a water-shaming policy was being considered to. This would have allowed the local authorities to name companies and house owners who used excessive quantities of water. Although the drought had officially ended by 2017, the years since have also been drier than normal. La Niña is reported to be being at least partly to blame because it created a continuous high-pressure system close to the Californian coast. However, urban growth and farming crops that require be a lot of water are also thought to be causes. Lack of water is not the only problem during a drought. With large amounts of dead vegetation, the ground becomes drier and there was been a high risk of forest fires. It is said by that even if the dry period ends soon, it will take years for the land to recover. In the meantime, water efficiency methods should to be implemented and ideas such as desalination to make use of seawater was should be investigated.