

UNIT 6 Grammar practice

The passive: use & tenses

1 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. One sentence is correct.

The telephone wasn't ~~inventing~~ by Thomas Edison.
invented

- 1 The recycling will being collected tomorrow.
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- 2 Tim Berners-Lee was named one of the '100 Most Important People of the Twentieth Century' by *Time* magazine.
- 3 Have you ever been sting by a jellyfish?
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- 4 At 11 a.m. tomorrow, the suspect will be been questioned by the police.
- 5 The scientists has been given more money.
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- 6 It was cold in the bedroom because the window had being left open.
- 7 Consumers must being warned about the potential dangers of GM food.

Causative: *have / get something done*

3 Translate the sentences into your language.

- 1 My friends are having all their hair cut off to raise money for charity.
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- 2 He got some chocolates delivered to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day.
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- 3 Before she lost her job, she used to have her house cleaned every week.
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- 4 I'll get my car fixed before I go to university.
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- 5 My sister is getting her house painted at the moment.
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Active-passive transformations

2 Read the text. Then complete the paragraph underneath, rewriting the bold phrases in the passive. Omit *by* + agent if it is not necessary.

Jack Dorsey created Twitter in March 2006 and (1) **he launched the site** in July that year. (2) **Over 500 million people use Twitter** now and (3) **they write more than 340 million tweets** every day. (4) **People use Twitter** for conversations and sharing stories, but it also plays an important social and political role because (5) **people post news stories on the site**, too. For example, (6) **the Boston police 'tweeted'** news about the arrest of the 2013 Boston marathon bombing suspect. Also, (7) **protesters have used Twitter** to organize demonstrations. (8) **People have called** these events the 'Twitter revolutions'.

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Consolidation

4 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- At the moment, *I'm studying English*.
- 1 Every morning, I , then I and finally I
 - 2 One day, I might
 - 3 Last Tuesday, I
 - 4 This time next week, I
 - 5 My best friend told
 - 6 For the past six months, I

5 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence.

- It wasn't a good idea to launch the new tablet today.
We shouldn't have launched the new tablet today.
- 1 It's possible that the new product will be manufactured by Jordan's and Co.
The new product
 - 2 'I'll give you a lift to the station, John,' said Caroline.
Caroline
 - 3 I'm going to pay somebody to paint my house next year.
I'm going to
 - 4 Stacey has a plan to go to Cyprus next week.
Stacey
 - 5 The teacher spoke for an hour. Then we heard the fire alarm.
The teacher
 - 6 This isn't the first time that we've been to Germany.
We've