

Unit 7: PASSIVE

1 *Underline the correct words in this article.*

A Race Against Time

Governments across Europe are already (1) *starting/being started* to worry. Why? Because low birth rates combined with longer life expectancy (2) *mean/are meant* that the Continent will soon have fewer people working and fewer people paying taxes. As a result, a whole range of measures must (3) *take/be taken* to deal with the problems that this change in demographics (4) *will bring/will be brought*.

At the recent Annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, a session called 'Reforming Pension Systems' (5) *took place/was taken place*. The speaker, director of the population division of the United Nations, (6) *highlighted/was highlighted* that this is a global problem, not just a European one. However the facts cannot (7) *ignore/be ignored*: the situation in Europe is particularly serious. Look at the findings of a recent European Commission study: Italy's population (8) *expects/is expected* to drop from 58 million to 48 million by 2050, Spain's (9) *will fall/will be fallen* from 40 million to 35 million, and Germany's from 82 million to 76 million. Sweden is one of the few countries where the population will probably (10) *increase/be increased*.

And as the populations get smaller, they are also getting older. From 2007 onwards an enormous part of Europe's population (11) *will start/will be started* to retire. Solutions will have (12) *to find/to be found* to deal with the problems that this will (13) *create/be created*. Certainly governments must (14) *encourage/be encouraged* private pension plans, and old-fashioned tax and social security models must (15) *look at/be looked at* in a completely new way.

2 *Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not mention who did the action.*

1 They grow much less coffee in Colombia these days.

These days _____

2 Someone delivered this package this morning.

This package _____

3 The city council is redeveloping the old docklands area.

The old docklands area _____

4 They've put up interest rates again.

Interest rates _____

5 We'll discuss your idea in the meeting tomorrow.

Your idea _____

6 When is your date of birth?

When exactly _____ born?

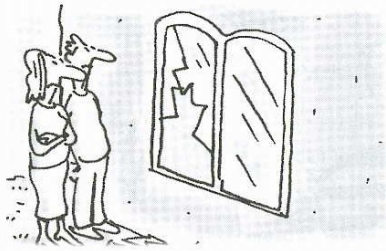
7 Someone stole Peter's car last week.

_____ stolen last week.

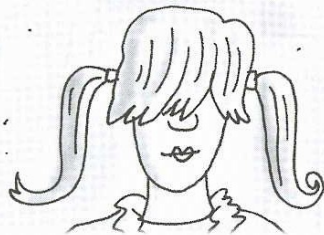
8 Did anyone tell Alex about the meeting?

_____ about the meeting?

a Look at the pictures. What do these people need to have done?



- 1 *They need to have the* _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
window mended. _____



- 4 _____ 5 _____

b Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have*, the past participle, and the words in brackets.

- 1 I need *to have my suit cleaned* before my cousin's wedding. (**suit / clean**)
- 2 When we were in Paris I _____ by a street artist. (**my portrait / paint**)
- 3 I absolutely hate _____. I always look awful! (**my photo / take**)
- 4 We _____ at the moment. (**our kitchen / redecorate**)
- 5 If you are feeling dizzy you should _____. (**blood pressure / check**)
- 6 Have you ever _____? (**your fortune / tell**)
- 7 I _____ tomorrow. Could you give me a lift to work? (**my car / service**)
- 8 I need _____ – it's not working properly. (**my watch / repair**)
- 9 They had to _____ in their garden. It was damaged in a storm. (**the big tree / cut down**)
- 10 We usually _____ every five years. (**our house / repaint**)
- 11 My car makes a funny noise when it stops. I _____ tomorrow. (**brakes / test**)
- 12 Our neighbours _____ last month. (**a burglar alarm / install**)

c Ask a partner the questions.

- 1 Where do you go to have your hair cut?
- 2 Do you mind having your photo taken?
- 3 When was the last time you had your blood pressure checked?
- 4 How often do you have your eyes tested?
- 5 Have you ever had your portrait painted? If not, would you like to?