

Exercises

Unit 42

42.1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

cause damage hold invite make
overtake show surround translate write

- 1 Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- 2 Cheese from milk.
- 3 The roof of the building in a storm a few days ago.
- 4 You to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- 5 A cinema is a place where films
- 6 In the United States, elections for president every four years.
- 7 Originally the book in Spanish, and a few years ago it into English.
- 8 Although we were driving quite fast, we by a lot of other cars.
- 9 You can't see the house from the road. It by trees.

42.2 Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

- 1 Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?
- 2 Ask about television. (when / invent?)
- 3 Ask about mountains. (how / form?)
- 4 Ask about Pluto (*the planet*). (when / discover?)
- 5 Ask about silver. (what / use for?)

42.3 Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- 1 It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
- 2 Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
- 3 Water (cover) most of the earth's surface.
- 4 How much of the earth's surface (cover) by water?
- 5 The park gates (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- 6 The letter (post) a week ago and it (arrive) yesterday.
- 7 The boat hit a rock and (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody (rescue).
- 8 Richard's parents (die) when he was very young. He and his sister (bring up) by their grandparents.
- 9 I was born in London, but I (grow up) in Canada.
- 10 While I was on holiday, my camera (steal) from my hotel room.
- 11 While I was on holiday, my camera (disappear) from my hotel room.
- 12 Why (Sue / resign) from her job? Didn't she enjoy it?
- 13 Why (Bill / sack) from his job? What did he do wrong?
- 14 The company is not independent. It (own) by a much larger company.
- 15 I saw an accident last night. Somebody (call) an ambulance but nobody (injure), so the ambulance (not / need).
- 16 Where (these photographs / take)? In London? (you / take) them, or somebody else?
- 17 Sometimes it's quite noisy living here, but it's not a problem for me - I (not / bother) by it.

42.4 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using somebody, they, people etc., write a passive sentence.

- 1 Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
- 2 They cancelled all flights because of fog. All
- 3 People don't use this road much.
- 4 Somebody accused me of stealing money. I
- 5 How do people learn languages? How
- 6 Somebody warned us not to go out alone.