

8A GRAMMAR the passive

- a** Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the passive.
- 1 Three men were arrested this evening and will be questioned by police tomorrow morning. (**question**)
 - 2 Oh no. My bike isn't here! It must _____. (**steal**)
 - 3 At the moment three suspects _____ by the police. (**interrogate**)
 - 4 The accident happened because the car _____ at 180 kph. (**drive**)
 - 5 The drugs _____ when the lorry _____ at the border. (**discover, stop**)
 - 6 Strong measures must _____ to reduce the amount of crime in the city. (**take**)
 - 7 People who _____ shoplifting often turn out to have some kind of psychological problem. (**catch**)
 - 8 The town hall _____ again – someone has painted graffiti over the walls. It's the third time this year. (**vandalize**)
 - 9 As soon as we got home we could see that the kitchen window _____ and that there were two men in the living room. (**break**)
 - 10 Police are worried that a lot of tourists _____ this weekend during the carnival. (**rob**)
 - 11 In the past people used _____ to prison for speaking out against the government. (**send**)
- b** Complete the newspaper report with the verbs in brackets in the passive. Add any other necessary words e.g. *to* or *that*.

Investigation after seaside incident

Police have begun an enquiry after a fight broke out between several people in Lindhurst Road, Poole.

The fight ¹ is believed to (**believe**) have started in the early hours of Friday morning at an address near the corner of Lindhurst Road. It ² _____ (**think**) the fight started after a car was damaged by one of the men.

At least one of the men involved ³ _____ (**say**) have been armed. Three men remain in hospital and are being treated for injuries, which ⁴ _____ (**understand**) be the result of the fight. It ⁵ _____ (**expect**) one man will be released from hospital later today.

Five men, who ⁶ _____ (**think**) be from the Brighton area, and are aged between 21 and 32, have been arrested. The police are asking anyone who witnessed the incident to contact them urgently. All information will be treated confidentially.



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- c** Choose one of the headlines below and write a short news article in about 100 words.
- Vandals attack cars in supermarket car park
 - Two men escape from prison van
 - Armed men steal £50,000 from post office
 - Robbery at town centre jeweller's
 - Woman attacked by mugger in local park

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 8A

THE PASSIVE

A)

2 have been stolen

3 are being interrogated

4 was being driven

5 were discovered, was stopped

6 be taken

7 are caught

8 has been vandalized

9 had been broken

10 are going to / will be robbed

11 to be sent

B)

2 is thought that

3 is said to

4 are understood to

5 is expected that

6 are thought to