

# 4B Grammar

## have / get passives

### Student A

**Andy** was worried about <sup>1</sup>*losing his job* so he took an interview with another company. He took it very seriously, <sup>2</sup>*went to the hairdressers for a haircut* and even <sup>3</sup>*took his old suit to the cleaner's*. Andy was planning to go to the interview by bike, but unfortunately <sup>4</sup>*someone stole it* while he was getting ready for the interview. He <sup>5</sup>*persuaded his neighbour* to lend him her bike. He had to cycle really fast to the interview which <sup>6</sup>*caused him to start sweating*. At the interview they were running late, and they <sup>7</sup>*made him wait* in reception for hours. In the end, they came out and told him that the position had been withdrawn.

**David** ignored the 'out of order' sign and <sup>1</sup>*became trapped* in the lift. They didn't <sup>2</sup>*arrange for someone to fix it* for hours. A young man had followed David into the lift, and they just had to wait. They started to talk and the young man <sup>3</sup>*persuaded David to tell him* about his job as a sales rep. David said his company was terrible, especially the salary, but <sup>4</sup>*they paid him* extra money every week because he over-claimed driving expenses. Finally, they <sup>5</sup>*made the lift work* and in the office ten minutes later <sup>6</sup>*the CEO introduced David* to his new sales manager – the man in the lift. David didn't <sup>7</sup>*lose his job* but they <sup>8</sup>*made him repay the money* every month from his salary.

**Gerard** was coming back from holiday in Greece when <sup>1</sup>*a security officer stopped him* and <sup>2</sup>*made him open* his suitcase. Gerard wasn't worried about <sup>3</sup>*the security officer searching his bag* because he had nothing to hide. Then the security officer took a coin from a pocket and said 'What's this?' Gerald said it was a funny coin he had found. The customs office <sup>4</sup>*phoned an expert who valued the coin* and found it to be a precious antique that couldn't leave the country. Gerard said it was his, because he had found it. He lost his temper and <sup>5</sup>*caused them to arrest him*. In the end, they <sup>6</sup>*made him pay a fine* and they released him without the coin.

### Student B

**Serena's** mother wanted her to be a professional pianist and <sup>1</sup>*made her practise* every day. Serena hated it but every time Serena complained <sup>2</sup>*her mother criticised her* for being lazy. One day there was a big rock concert that Serena really wanted to go to. Serena <sup>3</sup>*persuaded her mother to believe* she was ill. Her mother went out to work, and Serena slipped out of the house and went to the rock concert. Serena really enjoyed it and <sup>4</sup>*someone took a photo of her* with the lead guitarist. Serena's mother saw the photo online and <sup>5</sup>*forced Serena to stay in* every night for the next month.

**Pam's** handbag went missing while she was out shopping. She wasn't sure if she'd left it somewhere or if <sup>1</sup>*it had been stolen*. She <sup>2</sup>*persuaded her neighbour* to let her in to her house. Then her phone rang. It was a man who said he had found her bag and if Pam wanted it back, she should meet him in 30 minutes. <sup>3</sup>*It made Pam think* that if she went out, <sup>4</sup>*the man might burgle the house* with her own keys. Pam phoned the police instead, because she wanted <sup>5</sup>*to cause them to arrest the man*. However, the police were busy and <sup>6</sup>*made Pam wait* on the line so she phoned a locksmith <sup>7</sup>*to arrange for them to change the locks* on her doors immediately.

**Karmel** was a keen horse rider but one day <sup>1</sup>*her horse threw her off* and she <sup>2</sup>*broke her leg* quite badly. <sup>3</sup>*An ambulance took her to hospital* and <sup>4</sup>*the doctors set her leg*. It was boring because the doctors <sup>5</sup>*made her lie down* for most of the day – she didn't want <sup>6</sup>*everyone to shout at her* for being difficult. Eventually she went home but she still had to rest. Karmel's friends felt sorry for her. Karmel <sup>7</sup>*persuaded her friends to bring* her horse to her garden. She was overjoyed and so excited. Karmel sat on her horse with some help and immediately fell off and <sup>8</sup>*broke her other leg*.