

**1 The passive: be + past participle**

Rewrite the sentences so that they mean the same.

EXAMPLE

Shakespeare wrote *Romeo and Juliet*.  
*Romeo and Juliet was written by Shakespeare.*

- 1 They will record the CD next month.  
 The CD .....
- 2 You don't have to change the oil yet.  
 The oil .....
- 3 'Do you know when he's going to write the lyrics?'  
 'Do you know when the lyrics ..... ?'
- 4 She's already picked the children up from school.  
 The children .....
- 5 Bergman directed that film.  
 That film .....
- 6 They speak English in that shop over there.  
 English .....
- 7 They are playing the match on the centre court.  
 The match .....
- 8 Real Madrid beat Manchester United.  
 Manchester United .....

**2 Narrative tenses: past simple, past perfect, past continuous**

**a Complete the story using the past simple, past perfect, or past continuous.**

It was (be) Wednesday evening and I  
<sup>1</sup>..... (get) ready to go to bed when  
 the phone <sup>2</sup>..... (ring). To my  
 surprise it <sup>3</sup>..... (be) my friend  
 Daniel. He <sup>4</sup>..... (call) from his  
 mobile and he was very upset because he  
<sup>5</sup>..... (lose) his keys and he  
<sup>6</sup>..... (can not) get into his house. He  
<sup>7</sup>..... (think) he <sup>8</sup>.....  
 (leave) them at work but now it was midnight and the  
 office was closed so he <sup>9</sup>..... (can not)  
 get in to check. Luckily, I had the keys to his house  
 because a month before he <sup>10</sup>.....  
 (give) me a spare set so that I could water his plants  
 while he was on holiday. When he finally

- <sup>11</sup>..... (arrive) to pick them up, it was  
 one o'clock in the morning, and I
- <sup>12</sup>..... (lie) on the sofa fast asleep!

**b Complete the sentences using the right form of the verb in brackets.**

EXAMPLE

While he *was having* (have) a shower, someone *rang* (ring) the doorbell.

- 1 My brother ..... (get up) and then  
 he ..... (have) a coffee.
- 2 While they ..... (film) the scene  
 one of the cameramen ..... (break)  
 his leg.
- 3 When the actress ..... (get) out of  
 the car everyone could see that  
 ..... (lose) a lot of weight.
- 4 Last Christmas after we ..... (have)  
 breakfast we ..... (open) our  
 presents and then we ..... (go) for  
 a walk.
- 5 She ..... (know) she  
 ..... (make) a mistake as soon as  
 she ..... (see) his face.
- 6 When we ..... (arrive), the film  
 ..... already .....  
 (start).
- 7 Where ..... you  
 ..... (go) when you  
 ..... (see) the accident?
- 8 When we ..... (get) to the tennis  
 courts we realized we ..... (leave)  
 the balls in the changing rooms.

**3 Comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs: *better, more slowly, the biggest, etc.***

**a Cross out the wrong form.**

EXAMPLE

He's taller *than* / ~~that~~ his brother.

- 1 What do you think is the *most boring* / *boringest* sport to watch?
- 2 The lyrics of the song are *better* / *more better* than the music.
- 3 I think it's the *worse* / *worst* soundtrack I've ever heard.
- 4 My team wins *oftener* / *more often* than yours.
- 5 Who's the *most famous* / *more famous* pop singer in your country?
- 6 He's *much more fit* / *much fitter* than his brother.
- 7 Are you the youngest *in* / *of* the class?
- 8 The *best* / *better* film I've ever seen is *Casablanca*.

**b Write the sentences. Use comparative or superlative adjectives.**

EXAMPLES

powerful / person / world / US President  
*The most powerful person in the world is the US President.*

Chinese / difficult to learn / Polish  
*Chinese is more difficult to learn than Polish*

- 1 A tennis court / big / a basketball court  
 .....
- 2 good / sport for keeping fit / swimming  
 .....
- 3 Eating fruit / healthy / eating fast food  
 .....
- 4 The pyramids in Egypt / old / the Acropolis in Greece  
 .....
- 5 I think / Formula One racing / exciting sport to watch  
 .....
- 6 Madonna / great / singer / the world  
 .....
- 7 Johnny Depp / good looking / Leonardo DiCaprio  
 .....
- 8 The Great Wall / important / monument / China  
 .....

**4 (not) *as + adjective / adverb + as, the same as ...***

Complete the sentences so that the meaning is the same. Use *(not) as ... as* or *the same as ...*

EXAMPLES

It's colder than it was last year.

Last year *wasn't as cold as* this year.

My bag and yours are the same weight.

My bag is *as heavy as* yours.

- 1 London is dirtier than Edinburgh.  
 Edinburgh ..... London.
- 2 Our trainers are identical.  
 Your trainers ..... mine.
- 3 The goalkeeper used to play better.  
 The goalkeeper doesn't ..... he used to.
- 4 My father and I are the same height.  
 I'm as ..... my father.
- 5 The first film was better than the sequel.  
 The sequel ..... the first film.
- 6 London and New York are equally noisy.  
 London is ..... New York.
- 7 We've both got identical answers.  
 My answers ..... yours.
- 8 Their first CD was better than their latest one.  
 Their latest CD isn't ..... their first one.