



## Exercises

**44.1** Write these sentences in another way, beginning in the way shown.

1 They didn't give me the information I needed.  
I wasn't given the information I needed.

2 They asked me some difficult questions at the interview.  
I .....

3 Amy's colleagues gave her a present when she retired.  
Amy .....

4 Nobody told me about the meeting.  
I wasn't .....

5 How much will they pay you for your work?  
How much will you .....

6 I think they should have offered Tom the job.  
I think Tom .....

7 Has anybody shown you what to do?  
Have you .....

**44.2** Complete the sentences using **being** + the following verbs (in the correct form):

give    invite    ~~keep~~    knock down    stick    treat

1 Steve hates being kept waiting.

2 We went to the party without .....

3 I like giving presents and I also like ..... them.

4 It's a busy road and I don't like crossing it. I'm afraid of .....

5 I'm an adult. I don't like ..... like a child.

6 You can't do anything about ..... in a traffic jam.

**44.3** When were they born? Choose five of these people and write a sentence for each. (Two of them were born in the same year.)

Ludwig van Beethoven	Mahatma Gandhi	Elvis Presley	1452	1869	1935
<del>Walt Disney</del>	Michael Jackson	William Shakespeare	1564	<del>1901</del>	1958
Galileo	Martin Luther King	Leonardo da Vinci	1770	1929	

1 Walt Disney was born in 1901.

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

6 .....

7 And you? I .....

**44.4** Complete the sentences using **get/got** + the following verbs (in the correct form):

ask    damage    ~~hurt~~    pay    steal    sting    stop    use

1 There was a fight at the party, but nobody got hurt.

2 Alex ..... by a bee while he was sitting in the garden.

3 These tennis courts don't ..... very often. Not many people want to play.

4 I used to have a bicycle, but it ..... a few months ago.

5 Rachel works hard but doesn't ..... very much.

6 Last night I ..... by the police as I was driving home. One of the lights on my car wasn't working.

7 Please pack these things very carefully. I don't want them to .....

8 People often want to know what my job is. I ..... that question a lot.

# It is said that ... He is said to ... He is supposed to ...

A

Study this example situation:



George is very old. Nobody knows exactly how old he is, but:

**It is said that** he is 108 years old.

or **He is said to be** 108 years old.

Both these sentences mean: 'People say that he is 108 years old.'

You can use these structures with a number of other verbs, especially:

**alleged believed considered expected known reported thought understood**

Compare the two structures:

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|---|----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy loves running.<br><b>It is said that</b> she runs ten miles a day.   | or | She <b>is said to run</b> ten miles a day.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The police are looking for a missing boy.<br><b>It is believed that</b> the boy is wearing a white sweater and blue jeans. | or | The boy <b>is believed to be wearing</b> a white sweater and blue jeans. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The strike started three weeks ago.<br><b>It is expected that</b> the strike will end soon.                                | or | The strike <b>is expected to end</b> soon.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friend of mine has been arrested.<br><b>It is alleged that</b> he hit a policeman.                                       | or | He <b>is alleged to have hit</b> a policeman.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The two houses belong to the same family.<br><b>It is said that</b> there is a secret tunnel between them.                 | or | There <b>is said to be</b> a secret tunnel between them.                 |

These structures are often used in news reports. For example, in a report about an accident:

- |   |    |   |
|---|----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>It is reported that</b> two people were injured in the explosion. | or | Two people <b>are reported to have been injured</b> in the explosion. |
|---|----|---|

B

**(Be) supposed to**Sometimes **(it is) supposed to ... = (it is) said to ...** :

- I want to see that film. **It's supposed to be** good. (= it is said to be good)
- Fireworks **are supposed to have been invented** in China. Is it true?

But sometimes **supposed to** has a different meaning. We use **supposed to** to say what is intended, arranged or expected. Often this is different from the real situation:

- The plan **is supposed to be** a secret, but everybody seems to know about it. (= the plan is intended to be a secret)
- What are you doing at work? You're **supposed to be** on holiday. (= you arranged to be on holiday)
- Our guests **were supposed to come** at 7.30, but they were late.
- Jane **was supposed to phone** me last night, but she didn't.
- I'd better hurry. I'm **supposed to be meeting** Chris in ten minutes.

You're **not supposed to** do something = it is not allowed or advisable:

- You're **not supposed to park** your car here. It's private parking only.
- Jeff is much better after his illness, but he's still **not supposed to do** any heavy work.

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**45.1** Write these sentences in another way, beginning as shown. Use the underlined word each time.

- 1 It is expected that the strike will end soon. The strike *is expected to end soon.*
- 2 It is expected that the weather will be good tomorrow.  
The weather is .....
- 3 It is believed that the thieves got in through a window in the roof.  
The thieves .....
- 4 It is reported that many people are homeless after the floods.  
Many people .....
- 5 It is thought that the prisoner escaped by climbing over a wall.  
The prisoner .....
- 6 It is alleged that the man was driving at 110 miles an hour.  
The man .....
- 7 It is reported that the building has been badly damaged by the fire.  
The building .....
- 8 a It is said that the company is losing a lot of money.  
The company .....
- b It is believed that the company lost a lot of money last year.  
The company .....
- c It is expected that the company will make a loss this year.  
The company .....

**45.2** There are a lot of rumours about Alan. Here are some of the things people say about him:

- 1 Alan speaks ten languages.
  - 2 He knows a lot of famous people.
  - 3 He is very rich.
  - 4 He has twelve children.
  - 5 He was an actor when he was younger.
- 
- Alan

Nobody is sure whether these things are true. Write sentences about Alan using **supposed to**.

- 1 Alan is supposed to speak ten languages.
- 2 He .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

**45.3** Complete the sentences using **supposed to be** + the following:

on a diet      a flower      my friend      a joke      ~~a secret~~      working

- 1 How is it that everybody seems to know about the plan? It *is supposed to be a secret.*
- 2 You shouldn't criticise me all the time. You .....
- 3 I shouldn't be eating this cake really. I .....
- 4 I'm sorry for what I said. I was trying to be funny. It .....
- 5 What's this drawing? Is it a tree? Or maybe it .....
- 6 You shouldn't be reading the paper now. You .....

**45.4** Write sentences with **supposed to** + the following verbs:

block      depart      ~~park~~      phone      start

Use the negative (**not supposed to**) where necessary.

- 1 You *'re not supposed to park* here. It's private parking only.
- 2 We ..... work at 8.15, but we rarely do anything before 8.30.
- 3 Oh, I ..... Helen last night, but I completely forgot.
- 4 This door is a fire exit. You ..... it.
- 5 My flight ..... at 11.30, but it was an hour late.