

Grammar exercise: passive voice

Complete the following sentences using appropriate passive verb forms.

1. Nothing about the accident to her.

knew

was known

had known

2. the thief by the police?

Has, caught

Has, been caught

Was, been caught

3. My feelings by his caustic remarks.

have hurt

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hurt

were hurt

4. An order by me.

has placed

has been placed

placed

5. Nobody by her.

was betrayed

has been betrayed

Either could be used here

6. The animals by the poachers.

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hunted

were hunting

were being hunted

7. Prizes away by the chief guest.

are giving

were being gave

were being given

8. His life

must have saved

must save

must be saved

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9. She by grief.

has overwhelmed

was overwhelmed

was overwhelming

10. The patient medicine.

is administering

is being administered

has administered

Answers

1. Nothing about the accident was known to her.
2. Has the thief been caught by the police?
3. My feelings were hurt by his caustic remarks.
4. An order has been placed by me.

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5. Nobody has been betrayed / was betrayed by her.
6. The animals were being hunted by the poachers.
7. Prizes were being given away by the chief guest.
8. His life must be saved.
9. She was overwhelmed by grief.
10. The patient is being administered medicine.