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Grammar and Vocabulary Review

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks in this news excerpt with the correct passive forms.

- ⚡ Serious damage (1) (report) has been reported in the flooded areas. Most of the families in the wider area (2) (move) _____ by rescue helicopters and vehicles to shelters and empty army barracks 30 kilometers away. About 23 people (3) (report) _____ missing.
- Mr. Ethan Swanson of Little Creek has had to leave his farm and all his surviving livestock behind in order to join his family who (4) (already/fly) _____ to safety. All the crops (5) (damage) _____.
- Lower buildings (6) (cover) _____ by great quantities of mud when Mr. Swanson (7) (report) _____ to the rescuers. He insists that a neighboring farm, higher up the hill, is still above water level but flooding fast. He says that bags of sand (8) (stack) _____ around the main buildings when the helicopter flew past their farm.

Exercise 2

Circle the correct form.

- ⚡ Fahd told me that his father (1) had been putting / **had put** the luggage in the car when his uncle (2) **had turned up** / **turned up**, and didn't see him at first. Fahd himself (3) **helped** / **had been helping** with the rest of the things that had to be carried out when he (4) **heard** / **had heard** his uncle calling for help. Apparently, someone (5) **has crashed** / **had crashed** into him as he was turning into our street.
- They (6) **ran** / **were running** to where the cars were. A crowd (7) **gathered** / **had gathered** and some people (8) **were trying** / **are trying** to help the driver who (9) **had hit** / **was hitting** his head on the dashboard and was feeling faint. Fortunately, the ambulance arrived shortly and the driver was carried out of the car and taken to hospital. He apologized to my uncle as he (10) **was leaving** / **had been leaving** and said it had all been his fault. I was really surprised!

Exercise 3

Use the sentences to write newspaper headlines in two stages.

- The police found the getaway car in a junk yard.
⚡ stage 1: The getaway car was found in a junk yard.
stage 2: Getaway Car Found in Junk Yard
- The rescuers located a family of three under the rubble.

- They sold the painting for \$2 million at the auction.

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Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with the correct words or phrases. Make changes to the form if necessary.

decline unauthorized abandon inmate misdemeanor hijack pursue

1. The suspect was (1) *pursued* by a helicopter and two patrol cars.
2. Two inmates escaped from jail and (2) _____ a van that was owned by a local farmer.
3. The van was later (3) _____ near an old factory, where the police located it.
4. The police questioned a suspect for (4) _____ use of a credit card.
5. The man accused of masterminding the robbery was offered a deal on condition that he disclose the whereabouts of his partners, but he (5) _____.
6. A (6) _____ is not really a crime but can be quite troublesome for others, such as disturbing the peace by making too much noise late at night.
7. The (7) _____ of a county prison were planning to escape through a hidden door in the laundry room when they were found out.

Exercise 5

Match words and phrases with the definitions.

Definitions	Words and phrases
1. Be serious!	_____ kidding
2. making a joke	_____ easy mark
3. one who might have committed a crime	_____ pickpocket
4. likely victim	_____ let your guard down
5. by accident	_____ mugged
6. stop being careful	_____ suspect
7. person who steals things from bags/pockets	_____ not on purpose
8. being stopped and robbed in the street	_____ come on

Choose some of the words or phrases and write sentences.

1. *I took my sister's bag to school by accident.*

