

# 2 Photocopiable Activities

## 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.

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

4. The police accused the researcher of fraud for the third time.

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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.*

