

12 GRAMMAR STANDARD

1 Complete the sentences with the passive reporting form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 0 Life is believed to have existed on Mars. (believe)
- 1 The Sahara Desert _____ to have been an ocean. (know)
- 2 Humans _____ to land on Mars in less than 50 years. (expect)
- 3 Black cats _____ to be unlucky. (think)
- 4 Bees _____ to be extremely important to an ecosystem. (know)
- 5 Brown bears _____ to hibernate for five to six months. (say)

2 Rewrite the sentences using passive reporting verbs.

- 0 It is thought the fire was set intentionally.
The fire is thought to have been set intentionally.
- 1 It is believed that humans originated in Africa.
Humans _____.
- 2 It is said that my teacher is on vacation.
My teacher _____.
- 3 They were thought to have been billionaires.
It _____.
- 4 The climb is known to be very dangerous.
It's _____.
- 5 Poverty is feared to be getting worse.
It's _____.

3 Underline the direct object and highlight the indirect object in each sentence.

- 0 Tom gave me a book to read.
- 1 She told him a secret
- 2 They gave their children some sneakers.
- 3 He told them what to do.
- 4 Brenda sent an email to her teacher.
- 5 They offered a scholarship to both of them.
- 6 My dad taught me a valuable lesson.
- 7 They promised her a car for her birthday.

4 Rewrite the active sentences from Exercise 3 in the passive.

- 0 I was given a book to read.
- 1 He _____ a secret.
- 2 Their children _____ some sneakers.
- 3 They _____ what to do.
- 4 Brenda's teacher _____ an email.
- 5 They _____ a scholarship.
- 6 I _____ a valuable lesson.
- 7 She _____ a car for her birthday.

5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 0 job / offered / I / new / was / a / .
I was offered a new job.
- 1 promised / computer / she / a / been / has / .

- 2 different / I / a lot / was / models / shown / of / cars / of / .

- 3 difficult / were / questions / a lot / they / asked / of / .

- 4 told / will / go / she / be / later / where / to / .

- 5 sent / August / schedules / students / in / are / their / .

6 Correct the mistakes.

- 0 He told the answer me.
He told me the answer.
- 1 Water is knew to be essential to life.

- 2 Lord of the Rings has been published in 1954.

- 3 My dad was taught me to ask a lot of questions.

- 4 A lot of work is been done on the road lately.

- 5 The gift was gave to my mom.

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Answer Key

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- 1 is known
- 2 are expected
- 3 are thought
- 4 are known
- 5 are said

2

- 1 are believed to have originated in Africa
- 2 is said to be on vacation
- 3 was thought that they were billionaires
- 4 known that the climb is very dangerous
- 5 feared that poverty is getting worse

3

- 1 She told him a secret.
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4

- 1 was told
- 2 were given
- 3 were told
- 4 was sent
- 5 were offered
- 6 was taught
- 7 was promised

5

- 1 She has been promised a computer.
- 2 I was shown a lot of different models of cars.
- 3 They were asked a lot of difficult questions.
- 4 She will be told where to go later.
- 5 Students are sent their schedules in August.

6

- 1 Water is known to be essential to life.
- 2 *Lord of the Rings* was published in 1954.
- 3 My dad taught me to ask a lot of questions.
- 4 A lot of work has been/is being done on the road lately.
- 5 The gift was given to my mom.