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Get-Passives and Other Variations

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1. Help Agent 007.5 complete his rather embarrassing incident report by selecting the correct verb forms.

I unfortunately _____ sneaking into the villain's lair through the air vents. To escape, I had my assistant _____ a distraction with a smoke bomb, but I couldn't get the getaway driver _____ the engine in time. Now I need to get my laser-equipped tuxedo _____ before tomorrow's gala.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) got catching
B) was getting caught
C) got caught

Blank 2

A) to create
B) create
C) created

Blank 3

A) start
B) starting
C) to start

Blank 4

A) dry-clean
B) to dry-clean
C) dry-cleaned

2. Complete the HR manager's incident report by choosing the most appropriate verb form for each gap.

During the morning shift, Mr. Henderson somehow managed to get his lucky silk tie _____ in the heavy-duty document shredder. Rather than following protocol and calling the maintenance team, he tried to have his desk mate _____ the jammed machine apart with a paperclip. As a direct result of this ill-advised repair attempt, the shredder caught fire and the entire accounting department got _____ for the remainder of the afternoon.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) catch
B) catching
C) caught

Blank 2

A) taken
B) to take
C) take

Blank 3

A) evacuating
B) to evacuate
C) evacuated

3. Review the dramatic script for the soap opera finale. Select ALL the lines that use a grammatically correct "get-passive" construction.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** "I refuse to get drawn into your web of lies anymore!"
- **B)** "Our secret plans are getting completely ruined as we speak!"
- **C)** "By the time I arrived, the vault had already gotten emptied."
- **D)** "Despite his crimes, he eventually got seemed like a hero."
- **E)** "The priceless diamond necklace got steal from the vault!"

4. Help the stressed-out wedding planner complete her frantic text messages to her assistant by choosing the correct verb form for each gap.

I finally managed to get the stubborn caterer _____ the menu, but it took an hour of arguing! Now, we need to have the backup floral arrangements _____ to the reception hall by noon, or the bride will absolutely panic. Also, please check on the best man—if he keeps arguing with the DJ, he's going to get himself _____ out of the venue before the ceremony even starts!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** change
- **B)** changed
- **C)** to change

Blank 2

- **A)** deliver
- **B)** to deliver
- **C)** delivered

Blank 3

- **A)** kicking
- **B)** to kick
- **C)** kicked

5. Complete the event planner's frantic text message to her team about a billionaire's absurd party demands. Choose the correct option for each gap.

The solid gold statues need _____ before noon! Mr. Moneybags is worried his guests might _____ in the hedge maze, so we are having the entire pathway _____ with neon lasers. Plus, he somehow got the local mayor _____ as a giant penguin to greet everyone. Don't ask questions, just make it happen!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** to polish
- **B)** polishing
- **C)** be polished

Blank 2

- **A)** get losing
- **B)** get lost
- **C)** be got lost

Blank 3

- **A)** illuminate
- **B)** illuminating
- **C)** illuminated

Blank 4

- **A)** dress up
- **B)** to dress up
- **C)** dressing up

6. Help the science historian finish her dramatic documentary script by selecting the grammatically correct option.

"For decades, the professor's groundbreaking theory on quantum mechanics _____ by the mainstream scientific community."

Select one.

A) was simply not understood
B) simply didn't get understood
C) wasn't simply getting understood
D) didn't have itself understood

7. Help the lazy office manager review his delegation strategies. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

A) I finally got the new intern to compile the quarterly reports.
B) I had the new intern compile the quarterly reports.
C) I got the quarterly reports compiled by the new intern.
D) I had the new intern to compile the quarterly reports.
E) I got the new intern compile the quarterly reports.

8. Choose the correct phrase to complete the spy's highly embarrassing mission report.

"I thought my disguise was absolutely foolproof, but I _____ by the enemy guards before I even reached the courtyard."

Select one.

A) ended up to be recognized
B) ended up getting recognized
C) had ended up recognized
D) got ended up recognizing

9. Read the cursed explorer's journal entry. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use a "get" or "have" passive to describe their misfortunes.

Select all that apply.

A) I had my favorite compass swallowed by a crocodile.
B) I got my tent blown away during the monsoon.
C) I got myself trapped in a suspiciously obvious snare.
D) I was gotten chased by a rather angry hippopotamus.
E) I had my provisions to be raided by local monkeys.

10. Choose the correct phrase to complete the teenager's dramatic excuse for being late.

"I would have been here on time, I swear! But while I was walking through the park, I _____ by a ridiculously aggressive squirrel!"

Select one.

A) got stolen my sandwich
B) was stolen my sandwich
C) had stolen my sandwich
D) had my sandwich stolen