

Exercises

43.1 What do these words mean? Use **it can ...** or **it can't ...**. Use a dictionary if necessary.

If something is

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| 1 washable, <i>it can be washed.</i> | 4 unusable, _____ |
| 2 unbreakable, it _____ | 5 invisible, _____ |
| 3 edible, _____ | 6 portable, _____ |

43.2 Complete these sentences with the following verbs (in the correct form):

arrest carry cause ~~do~~ make repair ~~send~~ spend wake up

Sometimes you need **have** (**might have**, **should have** etc.).

- The situation is serious. Something must *be done* before it's too late.
- I should have received the letter by now. It might *have been sent* to the wrong address.
- A decision will not _____ until the next meeting.
- Do you think that more money should _____ on education?
- This road is in very bad condition. It should _____ a long time ago.
- The injured man couldn't walk and had to _____.
- I told the hotel receptionist I wanted to _____ at 6.30 the next morning.
- If you hadn't pushed the policeman, you wouldn't _____.
- It's not certain how the fire started, but it might _____ by an electrical fault.

43.3 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody** or **they** etc., write a passive sentence.

- Somebody has cleaned the room.
The room has been cleaned.
- Somebody is using the computer right now.
The computer _____
- I didn't realise that somebody was recording our conversation.
I didn't realise that _____
- When we got to the stadium, we found that they had cancelled the game.
When we got to the stadium, we found that _____
- They are building a new ring road round the city.

- They have built a new hospital near the airport.

43.4 Make sentences from the words in brackets. Sometimes the verb is active, sometimes passive.

- There's somebody behind us. (I think / we / follow) *I think we're being followed.*
- This room looks different. (you / paint / the walls?) *Have you painted the walls?*
- My car has disappeared. (it / steal!) It _____
- My umbrella has disappeared. (somebody / take) Somebody _____
- Sam gets a higher salary now. (he / promote) He _____
- Ann can't use her office this week. (it / redecorate) It _____
- There was a problem with the photocopier yesterday, but now it's OK.
(it / work) It _____ again. (it / repair) It _____
- When I went into the room, I saw that the table and chairs were not in the same place.
(the furniture / move) The _____
- A neighbour of mine disappeared six months ago. (he / not / see / since then)
He _____
- I wonder how Jane is these days. (I / not / see / for ages)
I _____
- A friend of mine was mugged on his way home a few nights ago. (you / ever / mug?)
