

Passive voice gap-fill exercise

You are going to complete a news report about a shooting.

- 1 Find the past participles of the main verbs from list 1 below
- 2 Match each of these main verbs with a gap in the text.
- 3 Find the correct auxiliary verbs from list 2 and add them to the main verbs.
- 4 Insert the two adverbs (ending in 'ly') into the right places in the story.

News report

Here is a special announcement. President Merkin Muffley of the United States

(1)_____ . President Muffley (2)_____ by a masked gunman as he (3)_____ to work this morning.

The President (4)_____ to the Santa Barbara Memorial Hospital in Fort Custer. His condition (5)_____ as serious but not life-threatening. He (6)_____ by the country's best doctors.

It (7)_____ that the President will make a full recovery soon. Full details of the President's condition (8)_____ in a statement later this evening.

1 main verbs

described

watched

shot

driven

attacked

hoped

taken

given

2 auxiliary verbs

be

was

was

was

been

been

being

being

is

is

has

will

3 adverbs

closely

immediately

Complete text

This is a special news announcement. President Merkin Muffley of the United States **has been shot**. President Muffley **was attacked** by a masked gunman as he **was being driven** to work this morning.

The President **was immediately taken** to the Santa Barbara Memorial Hospital in Fort Custer. His condition **has been described** as serious but not life-threatening. He **is being closely watched** by the country's best doctors.

It **is hoped** that the President will make a full recovery soon. Full details of the President's condition **will be given** in a statement later this evening.

Vocabulary

masked	ADJECTIVE	wearing a mask - something that covers your face so people do not know who you are
gunman	NOUN	someone who carries a gun that they use for fighting or to commit a crime
life-threatening	ADJECTIVE	describes an injury or illness that is likely to kill you