

LANGUAGE REVIEW – Reading and Writing module

VOCABULARY

Reporting verbs

complain
report
admit
deny
explain

Verbs and nouns

to claim > a claim
to complain > a complaint
to report > a report
to admit > an admission
to deny > a denial
to explain > an explanation

Verb + -ing form

She admitted **stealing** the money.
She denied **finding** some money.
She reported **finding** some money.

GRAMMAR

Tense review

Past

I **spoke** to him yesterday. (past simple – finished past)
The foundations **were laid** two weeks ago. (past passive – finished past)

Present and up to the present

Dad **cleans** up each afternoon. (present simple – present/now)
The house **is growing** at a great rate. (present continuous – at the moment/now)
Dad **has been taking** photos for you. (present perfect continuous – from the past until now)

Future

The roof **is to go** on next week. (*be* + infinitive – something scheduled in the future)
We expect it **will be** finished in a month or so. (*will* + verb – prediction about the future)
Next week he **is going to fly** to Townsville. (*be going to* + verb – future organised plan)
I **will send** you some photos. (*will* + verb – future intention)
The carpenters **are coming** over for a cup of tea in ten minutes. (present continuous – future arrangement)

Cause and result 1

Taking performance-enhancing drugs **results in** serious health problems and **leads to** a greatly-reduced life expectancy.

Smoking and drinking **cause** long-term health problems, too.

The problem of doping **is caused by** the pressure on athletes to win.

Lead to, result in, cause and **be caused by** are all used to talk about the cause or result of an action or situation.

- A **leads to** B.
- A **results in** B.
- A **causes** B.
- B **is caused by** A.

Cause and result 2

Because, because of, since and **due to** are used to give the reason for an action or situation.

He was disqualified **because** he failed a drugs test.
Because he failed a drugs test, he was disqualified.

Because and **since** are followed by a **subject + verb**.
 He was disqualified **because/since** he failed a drugs test.

Because of and **due to** are followed by a **noun** or **-ing form**.

He was disqualified **because of/due to** a failed drugs test.
 He was disqualified **because of/due to** failing a drugs test.

Expressing purpose

Jung believed we dream **to** compensate for what was lacking in conscious life.
 We dream **in order to** forget.
 He put on a sweater **so that** he wouldn't be cold.

We can express the same idea in different ways.

Sign your name and you can receive the magazine.
so that ► Sign your name **so that** you can receive the magazine.
in order to ► Sign your name **in order to** receive the magazine.

Leave early and then you won't miss the train.
so that ► Leave early **so that** you won't miss the train.
in order to ► Leave early **in order not to** miss the train.

Passive review

Active vs. passive

They use ropes to move the statues.	Active
Ropes are used to move the statues.	Passive
The islanders carved the statues.	Active
The statues were carved out of stone.	Passive
Scientists propose different theories.	Active
Many theories have been proposed .	Passive

When the passive is used

Patricia Van Lester **was knocked** to the ground.
 She **was flown** to Halifax Medical Center.

We use the passive here because:

- a. Patricia is the main topic
- b. it's not important or it's obvious who caused the action

She **got pushed** down.

This is an informal way of saying: She **was pushed** down.

Note:

The passive with **get** often describes a process: **The cut got infected.**

The passive with **be** often describes a state: **The cut was infected.**

The passive with **get** is often used with verbs that have a negative meaning:

I **got** caught in traffic.

I **got** robbed.

An exception is to get married.

Verb patterns: verb + -ing

She **recommends keeping** an egg timer by the computer.

Two other verbs with similar meaning that take this pattern are:

advise

suggest

She **advises keeping** an egg timer by the computer.

She **suggests keeping** an egg timer by the computer.

Note how the pattern changes if the person who is receiving the recommendation is mentioned:

She recommends (that) addicts **keep** an egg timer by the computer.

or

Addicts **are recommended to keep** an egg timer by the computer.

but

She advises addicts **to keep** an egg timer by the computer.

NOT ~~She advises that addicts keep an egg timer by the computer.~~

and

Addicts are advised to keep an egg timer by the computer.

and only She suggests (that) addicts keep an egg timer by the computer.

NEVER ~~She suggests addicts to keep an egg timer by the computer.~~

or

~~Addicts are suggested to keep an egg timer by the computer.~~