Passive voice – be said to – have something done

1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form.

| damage – hold – include – invite – make – show – translate - write |

a) Cheese is made from milk.

b) The roof of the building was damaged in a storm a few days ago.

c) In Germany you don’t have to leave a tip for the waiter. Service is included in the bill.

d) You were invited to the wedding. Why didn’t you go?

e) A cinema is a place where movies are shown.

f) In the USA, elections for President are held every four years.

g) Originally the book was written in German and a few years ago it was translated into English.

2 Write questions in the passive voice. Some are present and some are past.

a) Ask about the telephone. (When – invent?)

   When was the telephone invented?

b) Ask about glass (How – make?)

   How is glass made?

c) Ask about Australia (When – discover?)

   When was Australia discovered?

d) Ask about silver. (What – use for?)

   What is it used for?

3 Complete the sentences with a form of be said to.

a) Cathy works very hard. She is said to work (work) 16 hours a day.

b) The company doesn’t have enough work. Many people are said to become (become) unemployed.
c) Those two houses belong to the same family. They *are said to be connected* (be connected) by a secret tunnel.

d) Germans *are said to have* (have) more holidays than any other European country.

4 People say a lot of things about Donald Trump. For example:

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*write sentences using *supposed to*.

a) *He’s supposed to be a great president.*

b) *He’s supposed to work very hard.*

c) *He’s supposed to understand the people’s needs.*

d) *He’s supposed to love playing golf.*

e) *He’s supposed to be a successful businessman.*

f) *He’s supposed to like Angela Merkel.*

5 Rewrite these sentences using *have something done*.

a) Jill didn’t repair the roof herself.

   She *had the roof repaired*

b) I don’t cut my hair myself.

   I *have my hair cut.*

c) They didn’t paint their house themselves.

   They *had their house painted.*

d) Sue didn’t make her dress herself.

   She *had her dress made.*