Active & passive forms

1 Choose the correct options.

What is the UK’s national dish? The answer is curry! And, this is nothing new – it ate / was eaten by Queen Victoria herself in the 19th century. Queen Victoria (1) loved / was loved everything about India, including the food. Her favourite Indian dishes (2) cooked / were cooked for her by two Indian servants that she (3) had sent / had been sent in 1887 as a ‘gift from India’. One of the servants even (4) taught / was taught the Queen how to speak Hindustani. Victoria (5) had / was had a special room created to eat her curry in. Her servants (6) made / were made to wear special costumes during dinner. Victoria herself (7) wore / was worn the clothes of an Indian princess. Many Indian cookbooks (8) wrote / were written in the 19th century, so that everyone could enjoy a curry. By the end of this century, curry (9) will have enjoyed / will have been enjoyed in the UK for 200 years.

Impersonal & infinitive forms

3 Write IMP for the impersonal form or INF for the infinitive form.

It is said that we should all eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day. IMP

1 The spice turmeric is thought to have health benefits. ___

2 It is believed that the Margherita pizza was invented by Raffaele Esposito in 1889 for the Queen of Italy, Margherita. ___

3 It is said that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. ___

4 It is known that eating protein helps build muscle. ___

5 Eating too much sugar is known to be bad for you. ___

6 Ketchup is thought to have been used as a medicine in the 19th century. ___

The causative

(have / get something done)

4 Choose the correct options.

Ruby Kit, I really love the way you’ve decorated your bedroom. Did you (1) get / have / either get or have it done professionally?

Kit No, actually I (2) got / had / either my cousin to do it for me. He repainted the front of the house at the same time.

Ruby That’s amazing. How often do you (3) get / have / either get or have it done?

Kit Oh, not often at all – in fact I think this is the first time I’ve ever (4) got / had / either it done.

Ruby James won’t let painters and decorators into our house any more, not after the last time when we (5) got / had / either our laptops stolen.

Kit What? Decorators stole your laptops?

Ruby Yes, it was awful. James never (6) gets / has / either anything done in the house now.

Kit That’s annoying.

Ruby I know. It’s not as if we (7) got / had / either everything taken. Anyway, I must go – I’m (8) getting / having / either my fingernails painted this afternoon.