The passive

1 Read the email, then rewrite the phrases and sentences in bold, changing active sentences into passive sentences and passive sentences into active sentences.

Dear Elena,

Wow! I am staying in possibly the most spectacular place in the world! We’re at the Ice Hotel in Sweden and yes, it is totally made out of ice! (1) Each year, the organisers take ice from the River Torne to build the hotel. (2) They say that the River Torne is one of the last completely unchanged rivers in Europe. (3) They mix the ice with snow and call it ‘snice’. (4) They use the ‘snice’ to cover giant moulds that form the walls of the hotel. (5) They remove the moulds when the ice is solid. (6) Then each room is filled with loads of snow and ice. (7) They invite world famous artists to come and design a room each. All the tables, chairs, beds, glasses – they’re all made out of ice. (8) They have to keep the temperature below freezing. It’s really cold, but (9) the staff have given us snowsuits, boots and gloves so that we can keep warm. We have reindeer skins on the beds to stop the ice touching our skin. (10) We’ve also been given sleeping bags. You have to go to bed fully dressed too. It was really strange sleeping on ice!

Can’t wait to see you.
Kate x

The causative

2 Rewrite these sentences using have or get.

1 The restaurant has just been redesigned for the owner.

2 The doctor tested my hearing.

3 Someone stole our suitcases at the airport.

4 Your hair’s too long – go to the hairdressers!

Consolidate

3 Translate the sentences into your own language.

1 I wish I hadn’t had that fish for lunch.

2 Don’t go to India unless you like spicy food.

3 If you ate meat, you could have tried my pizza.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

1 The doctor says I shouldn’t eat dairy foods. (supposed)

2 Were you able to cook dinner before your parents got home? (manage)

3 I cooked for Elena last night, but I shouldn’t have bothered, as she wasn’t hungry. (need)