

- Description** Students complete a dictogloss to review the passive: *it is said that...*, *he is thought to...*, etc.
Lesson link Use this activity after 4e, page 38
Time 20 minutes
Extra material Print out and photocopy the *Caught red-handed* worksheet – one for yourself and one for each group – or make an overhead transparency or PowerPoint slide

Instructions

- a** Write up and preteach:

a wave of adrenalin	to sneak	to creep
to approach	to dash	to grab

- b** Divide SS into groups of three. Tell them you will read out a text, *Caught red-handed*. Elicit or explain what the phrase means (= caught in the act of doing something wrong).
c Read the text aloud to the class. The first time the SS are only allowed to listen and write down a maximum of ten key words.
d Read the text again. Tell the SS that this time they should write down as many words as they can.
e Ask the SS to work in groups of three to reconstruct the text so that it is as close to the original as possible. Only one student should write down their group's text. Read the text a third time if SS are having difficulties after five minutes.
f Ask SS to check their texts carefully for grammatical or spelling errors. Give each group a copy of the original text for comparison or copy it on an overhead transparency or PowerPoint slide. Give SS time to correct their texts.
g Ask SS to find examples of the passive in the original text and decide whether they are past, present, or past perfect.

Answers

It's said that...
(present passive)
 That's what I was told by the police that day.
(past passive)
 ... the lock had been broken
(past perfect passive)
 When the man had been identified ...
(past perfect passive)
 He was thought to have robbed...
(past passive)

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