

## 5 Local news stories

- Complete the three stories with the passive verbs in the boxes.
- Complete the questions about the newspaper stories, using the passive.
  - Who was discovered under the floor of a new house?  
A cat named Tiger.
  - Where was he taken?  
To the vet's.
  - Why the old man stopped  
by the police?  
Because he was driving the wrong way down a highway.
  - Why will he be driven  
by his granddaughter in the future?  
Because his driver's licence has been taken away.
  - Who was called "Stupid Stewart"  
by his colleagues?  
A truck driver called Stewart Wilson.
  - Where has he been offered  
a place?  
At Harvard University.

## TIGER'S LUCKY ESCAPE

A cat named Tiger, who was lost for three weeks in the town of Elmwood, (1) has been found today. Tiger (2) was found this morning by construction workers under the floor in a new house. The workers heard a small noise while they were trying to fix a badly fitted pipe. The cat (3) was taken immediately to the vet's. The vet said the cat only survived because it was able to drink water from the broken pipe. Tiger's owner, who (4) was interviewed by the local paper, said that for the first time in his life he was grateful to bad plumbers.

has been found    was interviewed  
was discovered    was taken



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## STOP IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!

An 86-year-old man (5) was stopped by the police while he was driving the wrong way down a highway. When Mr. Hurst (6) was asked what he was doing, he said, "I'm glad to see you. I (7) 've been shouted at by all the other drivers. But they're all going the wrong way." The police drove him back home. Since then, his driver's licence (8) has been taken away. He (9) will be driven by his granddaughter in the future.

has been taken away    was asked    've been shouted at  
will be driven    was stopped



## 3 Not so stupid after all



A truck driver, who (10) was called "Stupid Stewart" by his colleagues, (11) has been offered a place at Harvard University to study history.

Stewart Wilson, 30, became a truck driver after he left high school with no plans for college. He (12) was laughed at by his coworkers until he took a Mensa test. He (13) was told he had an IQ of 151, which put him in the top 2% of the country. So he immediately signed up to take his college entrance exams, and got great scores.

Stewart said, "It's a dream come true! And I (14) haven't been called 'stupid' recently, I'm happy to say!"

has been offered    was called    was told  
was laughed at    haven't been called