

5 Underline any uses of the agent which are unnecessary.

- a) My jewellery has been stolen by a thief!
- b) It has been decided by the authorities that Wednesday will be a school holiday.
- c) Harry was pushed over by someone standing next to him in the queue.
- d) The goods are transported by rail to our warehouse in the Midlands.
- e) I was told by someone that you have a vacancy for a computer operator.
- f) Sue has been picked by the selectors for the national event.
- g) The letter was sent by post on the 21st of last month.
- h) The larger portrait was painted by a little-known Flemish artist.
- i) It has been agreed by everyone that no smoking should be allowed,
- j) As I arrived at the conference a note was handed to me by one of the delegates.

6 Put each verb in brackets into an appropriate passive verb form.

- a) Nothing has been seen..... (see) of Pauline since her car
.....(find) abandoned near Newbury last week.
- b) As our new furniture.....(deliver) on Monday
morning I'll have to stay at home to check that it
.....(not/damage) during transit.
- c) The new Alhambra hatchback, which in this country
.....(sell) under the name 'Challenger',
.....(fit) with electric windows as standard.
- d) For the past few days I.....(work) in Jack's office, as
my own office.....(redecorate).
- e) It.....(announce) that the proposed new office
block.....(now/not/build) because of the current
economic situation.
- f) A major new deposit of oil.....(discover) in the
North Sea. It.....(think) to be nearly twice the size
of the largest existing field.
- g) Pictures of the surface of the planet Venus.....
(receive) yesterday from the space probe 'Explorer' which
.....(launch) last year.
- h) A large sum.....(raise) for the Fund by a recent
charity concert but the target of £250,000.....(still/
not/reach),
- i) No decision.....(make) about any future
appointment until all suitable candidates.....
(interview).