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The passive

1 Choose the correct option.

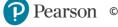
The topic that is ¹ be / been / being discussed by the class today is role models. The students have ² be / been / being asked by the teacher to think about people they admire.

The students are ³ tell / told / telling about a firefighter called John West, who ⁴ is / has / been admired by Sonya for his bravery and his commitment to society. A woman and her daughter ⁵ was / were / being saved by John from a house fire. But John himself was ⁶ takes / took / taken to hospital with injuries. Sonya is happy that he is going to ⁷ be award / be awarded / have awarded a medal. The medal will ⁸ give / be given / have given to him by the mayor.

2 Complete the text with the verbs in the passive. Use the tenses given.

My role model		
In 2012 in Pakistan, Malala Yo	usafzai ¹ (<i>drive</i> – Past Continuous) to school in a	
bus when she ²	(attack – Past Simple) by terrorists. They wanted to hurt her	
because they ³	(criticise – Past Perfect) by her on her blog. She criticised them	
because they believed girls 4_	(educate – shouldn't). Malala survived the attack	
and went to the UK for operate	tions. She remained in the UK and continued to fight for the right of girls to go	
to school. Just two years after	the attack, in 2014, she won the Nobel Peace Prize. Today, her voice	
5	(<i>hear</i> – Present Simple) around the world. She's telling us that girls	
6	_ (encourage – must) to study.	
She is a true role model.		

3 Write a paragraph about your role model. Use the passive and look at Exercise 2 to help you.





Answer key

- 1 being
- 2 been
- 3 told
- **4** is
- **5** were
- 6 taken
- 7 be awarded
- 8 be given

2

- 1 was being driven
- 2 was attacked
- 3 had been criticised
- 4 shouldn't be educated
- **5** is heard
- 6 must be encouraged

3

For a model answer, see the text in Exercise 2.