

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 01: He was hit by a car

レッスン 01: 彼は車にひかれました

Target: Talking about accidents using the passive voice
 目的: 受身形を使って事故について話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (be) on my way to...	行くところ	• (be) bound to + verb	する運命にある
• (be) involved in a crash	事故に巻き込まれる	• a server	サーバー
• (to) plow into...	〜に追突する	• (to) hack...	に不正侵入する
• (to) shatter...	粉々に割る	• (to) delete...	削除する
• (be) banged up	傷を負う	• (to) recover...	取り戻す
• (to) cause...	〜の原因になる	• severance	退職金
• (to) mess up	めちゃくちゃにする	• job market	雇用状況
• Poor (person)	かわいそう	• a master's degree	修士学位
• (to) have a fondness for...	〜が好きだ	• (be) furious	激怒した

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I've had a truly terrible week. So many things have happened.

On Monday, my brother was involved in a little car accident on his way to work. The driver behind him wasn't looking where he was going and he plowed right into my brother's brand-new car.

His car was pretty badly damaged in the crash. The lights were broken, the back windscreen was shattered, the body was all banged up and the cake he'd bought for his daughter's birthday was completely destroyed.

The driver that caused the accident was only slightly injured. His back was a little bruised, one of his wrists were sprained and his face was cut in two or three different spots. Luckily, no one was killed, though. His car was pretty messed up. The bonnet was completely destroyed.

On Tuesday, when I talked to my neighbor she was really sad because her cat was run over the day before. Poor Mr. Miggins. But, that cat did have a fondness for playing in traffic, so it was bound to happen eventually.

On Wednesday, our server at work was hacked, and all of my documents that I had stored there were deleted. My boss thinks the attack was planned by someone in the office, but I think it was probably just some random kid on the Internet. Now, I have to spend the rest of the week trying to recover the data. I really hope that I have backups somewhere.

On Thursday, my wife was fired from her job. She was given two months' severance, which was good, but now she has to find a new job and it's not going to be easy. The job market at the moment isn't very good, but she has lots of experience and a master's degree so I'm sure she'll find something.

On Friday, my 2:00pm meeting was cancelled, so I decided to have a long lunch with one of my co-workers, but on our way to the restaurant we were robbed! My wallet, cellphone and laptop were all stolen. I was both scared and furious at the same time.

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Answer the questions below

- Who was involved in a car crash?
- Were the lights on his car broken?
- Was the driver of the other car badly injured?
- Whose cat was run over?
- Who does his boss think the cyber-attacks were planned by?
- How many months' severance was his wife given?
- What happened on their way to the restaurant?
- How many examples of passive voice can you find?

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