

Malaysia Plane Hijacked – Focus on Verbs ANSWER KEY

Read the article *Malaysia: Investigators conclude flight hijacked*, by Eileen Ng and Joan Lowy. Examine the use of verb forms. Most of the main verbs in this article are underlined (but no verb that acts as a subject, object or participial). Find and copy the specified forms into the boxes. Notice the examples given for each category, and add others of its kind.

In most cases, you don't need to copy the entire sentence, as it may include several clauses or phrases that are not relevant to the verb. Enter the SUBJECT + VERB (OBJECT is optional). If the verb is BE (is/am/are/was/were), enter the SUBJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENT. Mark the subject in **bold**. Keep the verb underlined. Follow the examples.

Simple present – Find 10-14 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's not yet clear 2. radar data <u>suggest</u> 3. It <u>is</u> conclusive 4. data suggest 5. It <u>uses</u> a using a "creeping-line" search method 6. It <u>has</u> a nine-member crew and <u>has</u> ... capabilities 7. The data <u>consists</u> of attempts 8. As the phone from <u>passes</u> from the range of one cellphone tower to another, the towers <u>note</u> that the phone <u>is</u> in range in case messages <u>need</u> to be sent. 9. The handshake <u>does</u> not <u>transmit</u> any data on the plane's altitude 10. A transponder <u>emits</u> signals 11. radar signals recorded by the Malaysian military <u>appear</u> to show the airliner climbing 12. The radar track then <u>shows</u> the plane descending 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Scores of aircraft and ships from 12 countries <u>are involved</u> 14. signals that <u>are picked up</u> by radar

Present perfect – Find 6-8 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the missing flight 370 <u>has concluded</u> 2. Malaysian officials previously <u>have said</u> 3. Some experts <u>have said</u> 4. investigators looking for the plane <u>have run out</u> of clues 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. no motive has been established 6. no demands have been made known 7. It has since been expanded 8. a type of satellite data that <u>has never been used</u> before

Present continuous (progressive) – Find 4-5 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. investigators <u>are examining</u> the possibility 2. Investigators <u>are analyzing</u> radar and satellite data 3. searchers <u>are trying</u> to use the handshakes 4. It is telling us 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. other theories <u>are still being examined</u>

Simple past – Find 24-28 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. one or more people with flying experience <u>switched off</u> communications devices and deliberately <u>steered</u> 2. where the plane <u>ended up</u> 3. a Malaysian government official involved in the investigation <u>said</u> 4. <u>said</u> the official (inverted) 5. The official <u>said</u> 6. a deliberate takeover of the plane <u>was</u> 7. (evidence) that <u>led</u> to the conclusion 8. evidence (that <u>led</u> to the conclusion) <u>were</u> signs 9. an American official <u>told</u> 10. contact with the Boeing 777's transponder <u>stopped</u> 11. a messaging system on the jet <u>quit</u> 12. it dropped 13. A massive international search effort <u>began</u> 14. the plane's transponders <u>stopped</u> transmitting 15. The plane <u>had</u> enough fuel 16. what <u>happened</u> to it 17. The USS Kidd <u>arrived</u> 18. The official <u>compared</u> the location attempts 19. The official <u>confirmed</u> prior reports 20. the plane <u>turned</u> west 21. Malaysian military radar <u>continued</u> to pick up the plane 22. it <u>disappeared</u> from civilian radar 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. he was not authorized 24. the plane's communications <u>were switched off</u> 25. the plane was steered 26. The Boeing 777's communication with the ground <u>was severed</u> 27. it was flown 28. where the plane last <u>was known</u> to have been

Past continuous – Find 2 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
1. investigators were ruling out 2. the airplane <u>was continuing</u> to operate	

Past perfect – Find 2 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
1. military radar <u>had picked up</u>	2. it had been established

Simple future – Find 3 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
1. something that <u>will be</u> vital 2. A P-8A Poseidon ... <u>will arrive</u> Saturday 3. the satellite <u>will know</u> how many degrees	<i>none</i>

Future continuous – Find 3 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
1. Malaysian authorities and others <u>will be</u> <u>urgently investigating</u> 2. The USS Kidd ... will be searching 3. A P-8A Poseidon... <u>will be sweeping</u>	<i>none</i>

Verb with simple modal (modal + base form) – Find 6-7 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
1. Such a gap <u>would be</u> unlikely 2. only a skilled aviator <u>could navigate</u> 3. anyone <u>would want</u> 4. pilot suicide <u>may be</u> the most likely explanation 5. a vast swath of South and Southeast Asia <u>would be</u> within its reach 6. where the plane <u>might be</u> 7. data ... that <u>might help</u> in locating it	<i>none</i>

Verb with perfect modal (modal + have + pp) – Find 2 instances

ACTIVE	PASSIVE
1. it <u>may have turned back</u> toward and <u>crossed</u> 2. it <u>may have been</u> "an act of piracy."	<i>none</i>