

The passive voice in the present perfect – Winterising – Tasks and solutions

The weather forecast predicted a sudden onset of winter. This is why Tom Bee's parents worked very hard last Saturday to make their garden winterproof.

When Tom goes outside on Sunday, what does he see that they have done?

Put all the activities into the passive.

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EXAMPLE:

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NOW YOU

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1 winterising = den Garten winterfest machen

2 to rake = rechen

3 the valve = das Ventil (des Wasserhahns)

4 cover crops = Gründünger

6. Mr. and Mrs. Bee **have cut back** plants.
7. They **have left** seed heads for insects, bees and birds.
8. Mrs. Bee **has made** lean-to structures⁵ to keep the heavy snow off fragile branches. They **have covered** the roses with brushwood⁶.
9. Mr. and Mrs. Bee **have put** the oleander, the palm tree and the orange tree in their garage.
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11. They **have found** some rackets and some bottles from one of their garden parties.
12. Mr. and Mrs. Bee **have taken** the fish from the pond and **have moved** them into a fish tank in the garage.
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5 lean-to-structures = z.B. Gitter, Äste oder Stäbe zum Stützen von Pflanzen und Baumästen

6 brushwood = Reisig

7 shrubs = Sträucher, Büsche

