

Grammar Treasure Hunt

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APPENDIX: Grammar Treasure Hunt

Weekly Grammar Treasure Hunt

Goal: The *Grammar Treasure Hunt* activity provides you an opportunity to see how the structures we learn in this class are used in everyday communicative contexts. Your work will also show me how well you understand the topic of the week.

Task: Maintain a weekly record of eight sentences you have found from online English news articles that contain the grammatical structure discussed in class that week. Copy the paragraph in which each of the sentences appear exactly from the source, underline the grammatical item, and explain how it is used. Then cite your source according to our guidelines. Here is an example of an entry.

Grammar Topic: Passive Voice

Example Sentence:

Some tourists in British Columbia got a bit of a scare when a sea lion grabbed a little girl and dragged her into the water. A man, who Fujiwara thinks was a relative, jumps in after her and bystanders pull them to safety. "After being pulled back onto the dock, the family quickly walked away from the area without saying much," Fujiwara said. "They were probably very shaken up and just wanted to get away from the sea lion as fast as possible."

Form: [*be* + past participle] "being pulled"

Meaning: Someone or some people pulled the girl and the man out of the water and onto the dock. Passive voice works here because it isn't important who did the action.

Source: Miller, David. CNN.com. May 21, 2017