Read carefully this text.

A NATION OF JOINERS

England is called "a nation of shopkeepers", just as the U.S.A. is called "a nation of joiners".

Americans are constantly creating clubs, associations and groups.

There are members of a country club, the MDA (American Medical Association), and consumer groups.

There are also groups who give awards to the worst artists, films, and politicians of the year, etc. If there is a pro-abortion group, there is a pro-life group.

Foreigner’s don’t realize just how important these associations are. In fact, many groups put pressure on governmental institutions and individuals to obtain their goals.

This is called "lobbying". Lobbying groups are those groups who pressure Congress and the President to pass laws for their causes.

It was President Carter who expressed the danger of being pressured to act for a single cause instead of the national interests.

VOCABULARY

joiners los que ingresan
in fact de hecho

shopkeepers tenderos
lobby grupo de presión

awards galardones
to pass laws aprobar leyes

to realize darse cuenta
danger peligro

instead of en vez de
single único

GRAMMAR - PAST PARTICIPLE

Para formar este tiempo verbal hay que usar el presente o pasado del verbo "estar" más el participio.

Ejemplo:

I am = yo estoy

Gone = ido

Estoy fuera. = I am gone.

Otros ejemplos:

Él está parado en la carretera por la poli.

He is stopped on the highway by the cops.
Él fue parado en la carretera por la poli.

He was stopped on the highway by the cops.

EXERCISES Choose the best answer in every case

1. It was spent (Fue gastado, Fue en el pasado, Fue listo)
2. I am fed up (Estoy fuera, Estoy harto, Estoy listo)
3. I am left out (Estoy dentro, Estoy flojo, Estoy fuera)
4. I am finished (Estoy terminado, Estoy aquí, Estoy en el final)
5. I am tired (Estoy cansado, Estoy muerto, Estoy terminado)