

PASSIVE VOICE – BASIC, INFINITIVES, CAUSATIVE

150 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct passive form.

- 1 Holland...**is said**...(say) to be one of the prettiest in Europe.
- 2 I hate(tell) lies.
- 3 My television.....(deliver) tomorrow.
- 4 Their telephone.....(install) yesterday.
- 5 Teachers ought.....(pay) a higher salary.
- 6 hotel rooms must.....(vacate) by 12 noon.
- 7 The villa.....(sell) by public auction next week.
- 8 She hopes her home.....(build) by May.
- 9 Heartbreak House.....(write) by George Bernard Shaw.
- 10 My car.....(respray) at the month.
- 11 Hopefully, she.....(promote) by the end of next month.
- 12 I wish I.....(teach) how to type when I was a school.
- 13 Your application should.....(hand in) last Monday. It's too late now I'm afraid!
- 14 The wedding reception must.....(book) a month before the wedding.
- 15 The building.....(evacuate) ten minutes before the explosion took place.

151 Change the sentences from the active into the passive. Omit the agent where it can be omitted.

- 1 Santa Claus will leave your presents in the stocking.
Your presents will be left in the stocking by Santa Claus.
- 2 Bad organisation spoiled their holiday.
- 3 Teachers mark hundreds of exam papers every year.
- 4 Who wrote Romeo and Juliet?
- 5 You should dry your hair before you go out.
- 6 You mustn't tell him the truth.
- 7 She likes people taking her to the theatre.
- 8 Why didn't they give her the job?
- 9 She told them not to tell anyone.
- 10 They should have given us a bonus.
- 11 The doctors will bring him in for an examination.
- 12 Fog has delayed all flights.
- 13 She didn't send me any parcels.
- 14 She had cleaned the house before I got there.
- 15 When we arrived at the hotel, they had filled all the rooms.
- 16 Why haven't you invited Mary to the party?
- 17 Paula will help you finish your project.
- 18 The mayor is opening the new community centre next week.
- 19 We heard her complaining strongly to the manager.
- 20 You can leave your bags at the left-luggage office.
- 21 Workmen found some antique vases in the old house.
- 22 The architects have drawn up plans for the new library.
- 23 Who gave him the new car?
- 24 They are going to set the lion free next week.
- 25 What time do you expect him to arrive?

152 Change the sentences from the passive into the active.

1. Who was the Mona Lisa painted by? – Who painted the Mona Lisa?
2. The old barn has been pulled down.
3. The results will be published in July.
4. The trip was ruined by bad weather.
5. The letter should have been posted last week.
6. Who was the money raised by?
7. Why hasn't the house been painted yet?
8. She was heard shouting.
9. How much were you paid?
10. His car has been stolen.
11. I can't bear being cheated.
12. A famous actress will be chosen to advertise the product.
13. John was made to do the washing up.
14. The ozone layer is gradually being destroyed by pollution.
15. A bring-and-buy sale is being held next month.
16. Our house was done up by a famous interior decorator.
17. The cracks in the wall were caused by the earthquake.
18. Thousands of rare birds are killed by hunters every year.
19. Her purse was stolen on the bus.
20. When will we be told the time of his arrival?
21. An ancient village has been uncovered by archaeologists.
22. Why hasn't the dishwasher been repaired yet?
23. A new drug is being developed by scientists.
24. A new breed of cow is to be introduced into the country by farmers.
25. The furniture will have been removed by noon.
26. Who were you going to be replaced by?
27. The island is being ruined by tourists.
28. Two rooms had been booked for her by her travel agent.
29. She was seen to leave the building.
30. Seats should have been reserved a week ago.

153 Fill in „by” or „with”

1. The Magus was written by John Fowels.
2. Who was the radio invented ...?
3. The cyclist was knocked down ... a bus?
4. Soup is eaten ... a spoon.
5. The car was fixed ... a mechanic.
6. The glass was cut ... a special tool.
7. Her hair is coloured ... henna.
8. „Born in the USA” was sung ... Springsteen.
9. The roast was flavoured ... wine.
10. Music will be played ... the local band.

154 Change into the passive

A

Police are investigating a series of break-ins in the Hattersby area. Residents have heard noises, but nobody has actually seen anything suspicious. The recent rise in crime in the

neighbourhood has shocked residents. Locals are discussing matters of security with the police and they have requested greater police presence in the area.

A series of break-ins...

B

A wealthy businessman has just bought the Black Swan Hotel. The Barrett family owned it for many years, and they should have resored the building many years ago, but they couldn't find enough money. The new owner is closing the hotel for a new months for redecoration. At the moment workmen are publishing the floors and redecorating all the rooms

155 Turn the following sentences into the passive as in the example:

1. They think he is lying.

He is thought to be lying..

It is thought that he is lying

2. They believe he got lost in the forest.

He..

It..

3. They say she has been very ill.

She..

It..

4. They said that president had been shot.

The president..

It..

5. They believe she was taking drugs.

She..

It..

6. They expected he will pass his driving test.

He..

It..

7. They said she was wrongly accused.

She...

It..

8. They believe he is leaving soon.

He..

It..

9. They say his health is very poor.

His health...

It...

10. They report that some papers have been stolen.

Some papers...

It...

156 Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1. Many people believe that eating too fast causes indigestion
believed It.... Is believed that eating too fast causes indigestion

2. The teacher will send you out if you keep on talking
be You... If you keep on talking

3. They are going to transfer him to Portugal.
be He..... to Portugal

4. They will have completed the construction by September.
been The..... by September

5. They are holding the caretaker responsible for the problems
is The..... for the problems

6. A journalist is going to cover the story.
be The story..... by a journalist

7. They will have appointed a new director by the end of the week.
been A new by the end of the week.

8. They gave him a gold watch when he retired.
was He..... when he retired

9. The mother told her son off for shouting.
was He..... by his mother for shouting

10. They are opening the new restaurant this evening
is The new restaurant.... This evening

157 Rewrite the following text in the passive.

Mr Owen Gibbon has discovered a valuable oil painting in the attic of his house in Rochester. George Stubbs, the famous animal artist, painted the work in 1760. Mr Gibbon's great-grandfather bought the picture in the 1819's, but after his death the family stored it away in the attic. Art historians are examining the painting, and have valued it at £ 500,000. Mr Gibbon has offered the work to the National Gallery, where experts will restore the picture to its former beauty. They will have finished the restoration work by June.

158 Write the following texts in the passive.

A: The Winter Production Company has finally released the film which the public has been waiting for so long: *The Hawk*. The Winter Company was originally going to release the film in August but they decided to wait until October, as they know that fewer people go to the cinema in the summer. Richard Able directed *The Hawk* and critics are encouraging people to

see it. Cinemas report that British audiences have bought a lot of tickets and that they are sure *The Hawk* will be a success.

B: Over the past ten years oil spills have polluted the seas surrounding Britain. The tankers spill oil onto the coast and this harms many form of wildlife. Environmentalists say that they need a lot of volunteers if they are to minimize the damage. In future, the government has promised that it will prosecute the owners of any tankers that pollute the North Sea in this way. The government also hopes that they can prevent such incidents by building more lighthouses along the coastline.

159 Write the sentences in the causative as In the example :

- 1 Their wedding reception was organized by caterers.
...**They had their wedding reception organized by caterers...**
- 2 I'll ask her to make the appointment for Friday.
- 3 He was mending the table for Sophie.
- 4 He took his boots to be re-heeled.
- 5 Has your leg been X-rayed?
- 6 I will tell James to cancel the meeting tomorrow.
- 7 Don't ask them to post the letters.
- 8 I'll get the men to move this for you by this evening.
- 9 the mechanic is repairing her car.
- 10 They renovated the Smiths' house last year.
- 11 They are going to clean our swimming pool.
- 12 Where do they take their photographs to be developed?
- 13 He doesn't mind the barber cutting his hair short.
- 14 You should ask someone to water your plants while you're on holiday.
- 15 Will she get someone to deliver the computer?
- 16 She prefers ending her clothes to the dry-cleaner's.
- 17 My father likes people taking his photograph.
- 18 Our cooker wea being repaired when the lights went off.
- 19 Would you like someone to do shopping for you?
- 20 The beautician polished the model's nails.

160 Write sentences in the causative as in example:

- 1 The doctor examined Paul's ankle. What did Paul do?... **He had his ankle examined...**
- 2 Someone delivers her groceries once a week. What does she do?
.....
- 3 A hairdresser has cut and styled Pamela's hair. What has she done?
.....
4. Someone will repair our leaking roof.
5. Someone cut the lawn for them while they were away. What did they do?
6. Somebody had serviced their car before they went on holiday. What had they done?
7. A builder will do up Jan's attic. What will Jan do?
8. Someone is designing some furniture for him. What is he doing?
9. A detective investigated the case for her. What did she do?
10. Someone has written the actor's life story for him. What has he done?
11. Someone is organising a birthday party for her. What is she doing?
12. The secretary had prepared the minutes for him before the meeting. What had he done?
13. He was building their swimming pool. What were they doing?

14. He had someone paint his daughter's portrait. What did he do?

161 Rephrase the following using have, get or make as in the example:

1. She insisted that they go to the meeting.
2. We are going to ask the plumber to install a new shower.
3. We persuaded Paul to lend us some money.
4. The teacher asked Sam to open the window.
5. The dentist insisted that George sit still.
6. Mrs Jones will ask the attendant to fetch her car.
7. The doctor persuaded her to go to hospital.
8. My brother insisted that I give him back his book.
9. She persuaded her friend to help her with the cleaning.
10. We'll ask the receptionist to give him his key.
11. He insisted on them keeping quiet.
12. My father persuaded me to help him wash his car.
13. Mr Smith insisted that Jane stay late at work.
14. I'll ask Pam to turn down the radio.
15. Sue persuaded the caretaker to fix the door.

162 Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1 The hairdresser will have to cut your hair.

have You'll cut.

2 A large dog has attacked my cat.

been My cat a large dog.

3 Her mother insisted that she buy a new dress for the party.

her Her mother a new dress for the party.

4 Someone will steal your purse if you don't look after it.

be Your purse if you don't look after it.

5 Jane insisted that I have some more cake.

made Jane..... some more cake.

6 They are resurfacing our drive tomorrow.

resurfaced We..... tomorrow.

7 Our furnace will need servicing soon.

have We will need soon.

8 Someone cleans my house every week.

have I..... every week.

9 How did he persuade you to do it ?

get Howdo it?

10 She got a friend to make her an evening dress.

made She by a friend.

11 Their house had been burgled when I last saw them.

had They..... when I last saw them.

12 I asked my parents to pay for my flight home

had I.....for my flight home.

13 Hooligans attacked Barney outside the stadium.

got Barney..... outside the stadium.
14 She doesn't like ironing so the cleaner does it for her .
done She doesn't like ironing so by the cleaner.
15 He arranged for a friend to bring his books over from England.
had He..... from England.

163 Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1 Lucy persuaded Andrew to take her out to dinner.
got Lucy *got Andrew to take her* out to dinner.
2 Our heater needs repairing.
have We'll..... repaired.
3 A beautician does her nails every week.
done She by a beautician every week.
4 The dentist is extracting her tooth now.
extracted She..... now.
5 I will ask Mark to fetch my laundry.
have I.....my laundry.
6 His car was badly damaged In an accident.
had He.....In an accident
7 The shopkeepers were forced to work on Christmas Eve.
made The shopkeepers.....on Christmas Eve.
8 he Got someone at the Office to send the fax.
sent He.....by someone at the office
9 She insisted that we come home early.
made We.....early
10 Someone had detend her car when she came out of the shop.
had She.....when she came out of the shop
11 They can get someone to do his accounts once a month
have They can.....next week.
12 He used to pay someone to do his accounts once a month.
done He used.....once a month.
13 Why did He insist that i buy that dress?
make Why.....this dress?
14 Did He ask the nurse to dress the wound?
get Did he.....the wound?
15 The boxer broke his arm In a Wight.
broken The boxer.....In a Wight.
16 I must have someone look at this painting – it might be valuable.
looked I must.....- it might be valuable.
17 The contract will have been drawn up for you by the time you Get back.
had We will.....up for you by the time you get back.
18 The Police ordered him to tell them what had happener.
made The police.....what had happened
19 Margery dealt with the new client for him.
got He.....the new client for him.

164 Find the word which should not be in the sentence.

- 1 She has been had her house repainted.
- 2 Did he make you to stay at home?
- 3 He was been knighted for his service to the country.
- 4 Liz has had her hair be done.
- 5 The bank robbers were been arrested at the airport yesterday.
- 6 The pictures they were donated to the gallery by the Queen.
- 7 She did got him to cook dinner for her.
- 8 He was been stopped at customs.
- 9 Charlotte had Bill to mend her TV.
- 10 The symphony was being written by Sibelius.
- 11 Could you have someone to repair the fax machine.
- 12 He paid a lot to have had the engine rebuilt.
- 13 They have their taxes be done by an accountant.
- 14 The goods will have be shipped to you tomorrow.
- 15 He likes to having his asked for.
- 16 Those faxes have to be had sent today.
- 17 They have had central heating installed last Monday.
- 18 Jo was been given a beautiful necklace for Christmas.
- 19 All the Windows were being broken in last night's explosion.
- 20 She had her nose be broken while playing cricket.

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