

9 High-Tech World

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Grammar

The Passive Voice: Gerunds, Infinitives & Modal Verbs

A Read the sentences and note the passive verbs in bold. Then answer the questions below.

- I imagine **being watched** by cameras is not pleasant.
- The scientist decided **to be involved** in the project.
- The public **should be told** about the dangers of mobile phones.

Which sentence uses

- a modal verb and a bare infinitive? ☐
- a full infinitive? ☐
- a gerund? ☐

B Complete the rules.

We form the passive of a gerund with _____ + past participle. We form the passive of a full infinitive with _____ + past participle. We form the passive of a bare infinitive with _____ + past participle.

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D Complete the second sentences in the passive voice.

- They should deliver our new state of the art computers today.
Our new state of the art computers should _____ today.
- The government is going to build a modern science museum.
A modern science museum is going to _____ by the government.
- I remember somebody giving me a digital watch.
I remember _____ a digital watch.
- The scientist doesn't like his colleagues telling him lies.
The scientist doesn't like _____ lies by his colleagues.
- Can you repair the machine?
Can the machine _____?
- Does he have to hand in the project today?
Does the project have to _____ today?

C Choose the correct answers.

Robots

The word 'robot' was introduced for the first time in 1921 by the Czech writer Karel Capek in his play *Rossum's Universal Robots*. These robots were like humans because they could think for themselves. When we hear the word 'robot' nowadays, we think of a machine that must (1) _____ what to do and that cannot think for itself.

But can a robot that shows emotions (2) _____? Actually, yes, and it's already been done! A robot called Kismet has been developed with eyes, lips and ears. These features move and allow emotions (3) _____. Kismet doesn't enjoy (4) _____, so when that happens he looks sad. He loves attention, though, so when he sees a human face, he smiles. Other expressions such as interest, calm, surprise, anger and happiness can also (5) _____ on his face.

At present, other robots are being made that will be able to play sports, so in the future people might not (6) _____ millions to play for the best teams. Everyone will be cheering on their robot heroes instead!

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| 1 a be told | b to be told | c being told |
| 2 a be created | b to be created | c being created |
| 3 a be expressed | b to be expressed | c being expressed |
| 4 a be left alone | b to be left alone | c being left alone |
| 5 a be seen | b to be seen | c being seen |
| 6 a be paid | b to be paid | c being paid |

E A robot design with human features

