

Passive Voice

Transform the active sentences into passive as shown in the example. Use **the same verb tense** as in the original sentence! The examples in green are optional. They give you 2 extra points.

1. Shakespeare wrote that play.

That play was written by Shakespeare.

2. Waitresses and waiters serve customers.

Customers _____ by waitresses and waiters.

3. The teacher is going to explain the lesson.

The lesson _____ by the teacher.

4. Shirley has suggested a new idea.

A new idea _____ by Shirley.

5. Bill will invite Ann to the party.

Ann _____ to the party by Bill.

6. Alex is preparing that report.

That report _____ by Alex.

7. Two horses were pulling the farmer's wagon.

The farmer's wagon _____ by two horses.

8. Kathy had returned the book to the library.

The book _____ to the library by Kathy.

9. By this time tomorrow, the president will have made the announcement.

The announcement _____ by the president by this time tomorrow.

10. I didn't write that note. Jim wrote it.

That note _____ by me. It _____ by Jim.



11. Alice didn't make that pie. Did Mrs. French make it?

If this pie _____ by Alice, _____ it _____ by Mrs. French?

12. Does Prof. Jackson teach that course? I know that Prof. Adams doesn't teach it.

I know that the course _____ by Prof. Adams. _____ it _____ by Prof. Jackson?

13. Mrs. Andrews hasn't signed those papers yet. Has Mr. Andrews signed them yet?

Those papers _____ Mrs. Andrews yet. _____ they _____ by Mr. Andrews yet?

14. Is Mr. Brown painting your house?

Is your house _____ by Mr. Brown?

15. His tricks won't fool me.

I _____ by his tricks.

PART II. Change the passive to **active**.

16. That sentence was written by Omar. Omar _____ that sentence.

17. Our papers are going to be collected by the teacher. The teacher

_____ our papers.

18. Was the electric light bulb invented by Thomas Edison?

_____ Thomas Edison _____ the electric light bulb?

19. The speed limit on Highway 5 isn't obeyed by most drivers.

Most drivers _____ the speed limit on Highway 5.

20. Have you been informed of a proposed increase in our rent by the building owner?

_____ the building owner _____ you of a proposed increase in our rent?

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Use the words in the list to complete these passive sentences.

1. The electric light bulb was invented by Thomas Edison.
2. An island _____ by water.
3. The *-ing* form of “sit” _____ with a double *t*.
4. Even though construction costs are high, a new dormitory _____ next year.
5. The class was too large, so it _____ into two sections.
6. A bracelet _____ around the wrist.
7. The Johnsons’ house burned down. According to the inspector, the fire _____ by lightning.
8. Al got a ticket for reckless driving. When he went to traffic court, he _____ to pay a large fine.
9. I read about a hunter who _____ accidentally _____ by another hunter.
10. The hunter’s fatal accident _____ in the newspaper yesterday.
11. I didn’t expect Lisa to come to the meeting last night, but she was there. I _____ to see her.
12. Last week I _____ a job at a local bank, but I didn’t accept it.
13. The children _____ in the middle of the night when they heard strange noises in the house.
14. Could you explain this math problem to me? Yesterday in class I _____ by the teacher’s explanation.
15. A: Is the plane going to be late?
B: No. It _____ to be on time.

build
frighten
report
cause
invent
spell
confuse
kill
surprise
divide
offer
surround
expect
charge
wear