

HOMEWORK 2

PASSIVE VOICE

Your name is _____ I.D.Card number _____

PART 1: Change the active voice sentence to passive voice sentence.

Example: Shakespeare wrote that play.

That play was written by Shakespeare.

1. Waitresses and waiters serve customers.

2. The teacher is going to explain the lesson.

3. Shirley has suggested a new idea.

4. Bill will invite Ann to the party.

5. Alex is preparing that report.

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

7. Kathy had returned the book to the library.

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

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

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

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

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

13. Is Mr. Brown painting your house?

14. His tricks won't fool me.

PART II. Change the passive sentences to active sentences.

15. That sentence was written by Omar.

16. Our papers are going to be collected by the teacher.

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

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

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

Part III: Forming the passive voice. **Transitive and Intransitive** Verbs. Choose T (transitive) or I (intransitive). Then write the active to passive if possible. **Some verbs are intransitive and cannot be changed.**

1. I A strange thing happened yesterday.

2. T Jackie scored the winning goal.

The winning goal was scored by Jackie.

3. _____ My cat died.

4. _____ I agree with Dr. Ikeda's theory.

5. _____ Dr. Ikeda developed that theory.

6. _____ Timmy dropped the cup.

7. _____ The cup fell to the floor.

8. _____ The assistant manager interviewed me.

9. _____ It rained hard yesterday.

10. _____ A hurricane destroyed the small fishing village.

11. _____ Dinosaurs existed millions of years ago.

EXAMPLES

12. _____ A large vase stands in the corner of our front hallway.

13. _____ The children seemed happy when they went to the zoo.

14. _____ After class, one of the students always erases the chalkboard.

15. _____ The solution to my problem appeared to me in a dream.

16. _____ Our plan succeeded at last.

17. _____ Barbara traveled to Uganda last year.

18. _____ Lightning didn't cause the fire.

19. _____ A special committee is going to settle the dispute.

20. _____ Did the army surround the enemy?

21. _____ What happened in class yesterday?

22. _____ The Persians invented windmills around 1500 years ago.

Part IV: Passive modals. Directions: Complete the sentences with the given words, active or passive.

EXAMPLES

1. James (should + tell) **should be told** the news as soon as possible.
2. Someone (should + tell) **should tell** James the news immediately.
3. James (should + tell) **should have been told** the news a long time ago.
4. Meat (must + keep) _____ in a refrigerator or it will spoil.
5. You (must + keep) _____ meat in a refrigerator or it will spoil.
6. We tried, but the window (couldn't + open) _____. It was painted shut.
7. I tried, but I (couldn't + open) _____ the window.
8. Good news! I (may + offer) _____ a job soon. I had an interview at an engineering firm yesterday.
9. Chris has good news. The engineering firm where she had an interview yesterday (may + offer) _____ her a job soon.
10. I hope Chris accepts our job offer, but I know she's been having interviews with several companies. She (may + already + offer) _____ a job by a competing firm before we made our offer.
11. A competing firm (may + already + offer*) _____ Chris a job before we made our offer.
12. The class for next semester is too large. It (ought to + divide) _____ in half, but there's not enough money in the budget to hire another teacher.
13. Last semester's class was too large. It (ought to + divide) _____ in half.