

FCE FOR SCHOOLS - PASSIVE VOICE - 2020

Complete the following exercises:

A) The first sentence is in the Active Voice. Choose the correct way of saying the same in the Passive Voice. Tick the correct option.

1. They were interviewing her for the job.

Shefor the job.

☐ was being interviewed

☐ was interviewed

☐ has been interviewed

2. The professor told him not to talk in class.

Henot to talk in class.

☐ has been told

☐ was told

☐ is being told

3. The fire has destroyed the house.

The house.....by the fire.

☐ has been destroyed

☐ was being destroyed

☐ is destroyed

4. She would have told you.

Youby her.

☐ would be told

☐ would have been told

☐ were being told

5. Our boss will reject that offer.

The offer.....by our boss.

☐ will have been rejected

☐ would be rejected

☐ will be rejected

B) Now, read the following text. Fill in the blanks with the Active or Passive form of the verb in parentheses. Use the Past tense.

Ronald Reagan _____ (elect) president of the United States in 1980. Before he _____ (become) president, he was governor of California. Even before that, he _____ (work) as a Hollywood actor. He _____ (appear) in 53 Hollywood movies between 1937 and 1964. He _____ (not / consider) a great actor, and he never _____ an Oscar.

On March 20, 1981, the day the Oscar ceremony _____ (schedule) to take place, something terrible _____ (happen): Reagan _____ (shoot) in an assassination attempt. Fortunately, he _____ (not/die) from his wounds. One of his assistants, who was with him at the time, _____ (also/ wound). Out of respect for the president, the Academy Awards ceremony _____ (put off) for one day. Reagan _____ (recover) and continued to serve as president until he _____ (finish) his second term in 1989. He _____ (die) in 2004 at the age of 93.

C) Passive with two objects: Change the following sentences to Passive voice (there are two possible ways).

1. They gave Charlize Theron a new award.

- Charlize Theron...
- A new...

2. Someone has served the guests dinner.

3. My secretary will send you an invitation.

D) Personal and impersonal passive: Rewrite the sentences in the Passive Voice as started. Pay special attention to the verb in each sentence.

1. People believed he might be fired.

It ...

2. Some people expect that robots will take people's jobs.

Robots

3. We know that Michael has been unemployed for quite some time.

Michael

4. Many people claim machines do all the heavy work for us.

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