

## Passive +causative practice

### The basic structures

Passive - **BE + III**

- Steps: 1) find the object and use that as the subject (alus) of the passive sentence;  
2) find the tense form from the verb and use "be" in the same form + add the III form of the main verb;  
3) add any other parts as required to keep the meaning of the sentence)

Causative -  
a) *have (get) sth done* (have + object + III)  
b) *have (let/make) sb do sth*  
c) *get sb to do sth*

- Steps: 1) find WHO has something done (this is the subject of the causative sentence you can start with);  
2) find the tense form of the verb and use "have" in the same form;  
3) use the main verb in the III or (to+) I form depending on the structure (a,b, or c) you have chosen;  
4) Use the object (what sth is done with) in the appropriate place)

Example: **Paul is brushing my suit.**

Passive - My suit is being brushed. **OR:** My suit is being brushed by Paul.

Causative (a) I am having my suit brushed. **OR:** I am having my suit brushed by Paul.

Causative (b) I am having Paul brush my suit.

Causative (c) – I am getting Paul to brush my suit. (*structure-wise possible, but the meaning changes a little*).

Sometimes you can make 2 passive sentences – if there are 2 objects (like regular passive) or if the sentence requires a special personal/impersonal structure.

Impersonal structure - It is said that .... / It is believed that ... / It was said that .... / It was reported that .... / etc

Personal structure: X is believed to ... / X was said to ... (to+I for present/future; to have + III for the past/perfect tense)

Example: They **said** that Jenny **is** in Greece. → It **was said** that Jenny **is** in Greece. / Jenny **was said to be** in Greece.

**Practise: Write the passive + required causative forms of the given sentence (leave out the agent, that is the "by"-phrase). If the first words have been given to you, just complete the sentence.**

- Rachel will give you some advice. (2x)  
Passive 1: You ...  
Passive 2: Some ...
- People know that cars pollute the environment. (2x)  
Passive 1: Cars ....  
Passive 2: It ...
- They thought the company was planning a new advertising campaign.  
Passive 1: It .....  
Passive 2: The company ....
- The mechanic is repairing our car.  
Passive:  
Causative (a):  
Causative (b):
- The stylist trims my hair once a month.  
Passive:

Causative (a):

Causative (b):

Causative (c):

6. A professional should decorate their house.

Passive:

Causative (a):

Causative (b):

Causative (c):

7. That man stole my money!

Passive:

Causative (a):

8. The company will fit Sam's burglar alarm next week.

Passive:

Causative (a):

Causative (b):

Causative (c):