

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.

1. Rachel will give you some advice. (2x)

Passive 1: You ...

Passive 2: Some ...

2. People know that cars pollute the environment. (2x)

Passive 1: Cars

Passive 2: It ...

3. They thought the company was planning a new advertising campaign.

Passive 1: It

Passive 2: The company

4. The mechanic is repairing our car.

Passive:

Causative (a):

Causative (b):

5. 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):