

GRAMMAR Unit 3



1 Choose the correct answer.

Which passive sentence contains an agent?

- The law was passed in the 1960s.
- The motion was supported by nearly all Members of Parliament.

In which passive sentence is the means mentioned?

- Her biography was penned by an anonymous writer.
- This sculpture was crafted with Italian marble.

Which sentence contains a transitive verb?

- Talks on the issue will begin in the coming months.
- Lawmakers discussed the issue for several weeks.

Which sentence contains intransitive verbs only?

- Everyone in the theatre clapped the moment the show ended.
- The audience applauded the cast even though they performed poorly.

Which sentence contains a phrase that can be easily rewritten using the passive?

There was much suspicion concerning the man's actions and motives.

The politician is under suspicion of taking massive bribes.

Which sentence contains a causative form?

Demonstrators got the planned project delayed as a result of their protest.

The building project was put on hold indefinitely due to public outcry.

In which sentence can the verb *have* be replaced with *get*?

I had the locks changed on my house after the burglary.

Several people had their belongings stolen during all the commotion.

Which sentence cannot easily be written in the passive?

The government encouraged residents to evacuate the region.

Large scores of people fled the ensuing violence.

Which sentence contains a gerund in the passive?

Persuading citizens to take a stand was Martin's primary goal.

Being forced to sign an agreement didn't do much to ease tensions.

2 Match each sentence with a tense.

The criminal had been sought by the country's top law enforcement agency.

passive past perfect

Being asked to lead the march was a great honour for Meredith.

passive present continuous

Many laws can be passed by just a simple majority vote in Parliament.

passive gerund

All parties have been contacted by the media.

passive full infinitive

All calls were being directed to the newspaper's public affairs division.

passive present perfect

The arguments are being presented as we speak.

passive past simple

Measures to be struck from the bill include a tax on private education fees.

passive past continuous

The case was eventually settled out of court.

passive modal

3 Complete these sentences in the passive. Use the information given.

give / guidelines (present simple)

Companies _____ by environmental agencies.

ask / about the accident (present continuous)

The director _____ a journalist.

hold (past simple)

The protests _____ at the weekend.

already / interview (present perfect simple)

Several candidates _____ the position.

tell / leave (past perfect)

Neil _____ the police.

film (gerund)

The farmers enjoyed _____ for the documentary.

not / intimidate (full infinitive)

Rex tried _____ the official.

spray (future simple)

All bikes _____ a rust-resistant coating.

4 Complete each second sentence using a phrase containing a noun to replace the passive form.

1. It's noisy because a building is being constructed nearby.

It's noisy because a nearby building is _____ .

2. Your proposal is currently being discussed.

Your proposal is currently _____ .

3. Her file was being reviewed while she was considered for promotion.

Her file was _____ while she was considered for promotion.

4. He had been suspected of involvement by the police.

He had been _____ of being involved by the police.

5. The policy is being attacked by the opposition.

The policy is _____ by the opposition.

6.All members of the crime ring have been arrested.

All members of the crime ring _____.

7.They are being scrutinised for their role in the uprising.

They are _____ for their role in the uprising.

8.After the plant was closed, many people moved away.

After _____, many people moved away.

9.Due to the water being polluted, swimming is not allowed.

Due to _____ swimming is not allowed.

5 Complete each second sentence using a causative form.

1.The technician repaired Nahla's computer.

Nahla _____ by the technician.

2.The movers were packing up Sam's belongings.

Sam _____ to pack up his belongings.

3.Professional cleaners are polishing the CEO's vehicle.

The CEO _____ by professional cleaners.

4.The spokesperson delivered the speech for the director.

The director had _____ the speech.

5.Volunteers combed the ground for evidence for the police.

The police got _____ the ground for evidence.

6.The bridge was rebuilt soon after the flood.

The city _____ soon after the flood.

6 Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- Some of the residents were treated _____ donated medicine.
- The vandals _____ caught defacing public property.
- I'd like you to know this interview _____ at the moment.
- Angie greatly disliked _____ by the solicitor.
- Damaging property in the name of environmentalism _____ to be hypocrisy by some.
- Be on the alert, as a prisoner _____ from the local prison.
- He wanted the food _____ up before eating it.
- Can any more progress _____ in these talks?

7 Which rewritten version of the first sentence is NOT correct?

They awarded her a high honour.

- She was awarded a high honour.
- A high honour was awarded to her.
- A high honour was awarded by her.

They towed Maria's car away because she parked illegally.

- Maria got her car towed away after parking illegally.
- Maria had her car towed away after parking illegally.
- Maria's car got towed away because she parked illegally.

The vents needed to be cleaned due to health concerns.

They needed the vents cleaned due to health concerns.

They had the vents cleaned due to health concerns.

They needed the vents to be cleaned due to health concerns.

They're reforming environmental laws this week.

Environmental laws are being reformed this week.

The reform of environmental laws is being reformed this week.

The reform of environmental laws is being completed this week.

You need to submit your application today.

Your application needs to be submitted today.

Your application must be submitted today.

Your application had better to be submitted today.

Alexander is under investigation for fraud.

They're investigating Alexander for fraud.

Alexander is being investigated for fraud.

They're under investigation with Alexander for fraud.

8 Write one word in each gap to complete the text.

One might wonder if peaceful protest is ever successful at laws changed. Fortunately, history speaks for itself. Peacefully protesting proven to be an effective tool of social change, and there are some notable examples throughout history. In 1956 in Montgomery, Alabama, in the US, Rosa Parks, an African American woman, was placed arrest when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. Shortly afterwards, a local council a flyer circulated telling African Americans in the community to boycott the buses. After a year, the law rewritten, stating that buses had to be fully integrated. In 1930, Mahatma Gandhi walked hundreds of miles from his village to the sea to collect salt because Indian citizens had barred from collecting or selling it the British government, the ruling power in India at the time. This act ultimately resulted in India liberated from Britain, seventeen years later.