

PASSIVE VOICE

1. Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form.

Cause – damage – hold – include – invite – make – overtake – show –
translate – write

- a. Many accidents _____ by dangerous driving.
- b. Cheese _____ form milk.
- c. The roof of the building _____ in a storm a few days ago.
- d. There's no need to leave a tip. Service _____ in the bill.
- e. You _____ to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- f. A cinema is a place where films _____.
- g. In the United States, elections for president _____ every four years.
- h. Originally the book _____ in Spanish and a few days ago it _____ into English.
- i. We were driving along quite fast but we _____ by a lot of other cars.

2. Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

- a. Ask about the telephone. (when/invent?)
- b. Ask about glass. (how/make?)
- c. Ask about Australia. (when/discover?)
- d. Ask about silver. (what/use for?)
- e. Ask about television. (when/invent?)

3. Put the verb into the correct form (present/past-active/passive)

- a. It's a big factory. Five hundred people _____ (employ) there.
- b. Water _____ (cover) most of the Earth's surface.
- c. Most of the Earth's surface _____ (cover) by water.
- d. The park gates _____ (lock) at 6.30 every evening.
- e. The letter _____ (post) a week ago and it _____ (arrive) yesterday.
- f. The boat _____ (sink) quickly but fortunately everybody _____ (rescue).
- g. Ron's parents _____ (die) when he was very young. He and his sister _____ (bring) up by their parents.
- h. I was born in London but I _____ (grow) up in the north of England.
- i. While I was on holiday, my camera _____ (steal) from my hotel room.
- j. While I was on holiday, my camera _____ (disappear) from my hotel room.

4. Rewrite these sentences.

- a. Somebody cleans the room every day.
- b. They cancelled all flights because of fog.
- c. People don't use this road very often.
- d. Somebody accused me of stealing money.