

Passive voice

Exercise 1: Read each sentence carefully and decide if it is in the Active voice or the Passive voice. Write ACTIVE or PASSIVE next to each number.

1. The local fire department quickly put out the fire. _____
2. A massive chocolate cake was eaten by the children at the party. _____
3. Thousands of new videos are uploaded to the platform every minute. _____
4. Our English teacher will grade the essays over the weekend. _____
5. The keys were found under the kitchen counter this morning. _____
6. We are organizing a surprise birthday party for our classmate. _____
7. The mechanic had repaired the car engine before we arrived. _____
8. This historical castle is visited by thousands of tourists every summer. _____
9. Scientists have discovered a brand-new species of frog in the rainforest. _____
10. The match won't be played tomorrow due to the heavy rain. _____

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Exercise 2: Rewrite the sentences below, using passive voice.

1. My uncle owns this shop.

"This shopby my uncle.

2. My little sister made that birthday card.

" That birthday cardby my little sister.

3. Charles Dickens wrote this letter.

" This letter by Charles Dickens.

4. All our guests will enjoy this lunch.

" This lunchby all our guests.

5. Teenagers don't visit the museum.

" The museumby teenagers.

6. My boss read those emails!

" Those emailsby my boss!

7. My mother didn't receive that text.

" That textby my mother.

8. Five million football fans will watch this match.

" This matchby five million football fans.

9. Bono wore these jeans.

" These jeansby Bono.

10. Disc jockeys won't play this music.

" This musicby disc jockeys.

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Exercise 3: Rewrite each sentence using the clues provided so that it has the same meaning as the original sentence.

1. The mechanics should check the brakes before the road trip.

→ The brakes _____

2. The police arrested the shoplifter outside the mall.

→ The shoplifter _____

3. This beautiful photograph wasn't taken by a professional.

→ A professional _____

4. They are recording the entire concert tonight.

→ The entire concert _____

5. The storm will damage the old bridge if it gets worse.

→ The old bridge _____ if the storm gets worse.

6. A local gardener maintains these lawns every week.

→ These lawns _____.

7. The chef had prepared the dessert hours in advance.

→ The dessert _____ hours in advance.

8. People don't find this type of flower in cold climates.

→ This type of flower _____.

9. Thousands of fans greeted the rock star at the airport.

→ The rock star _____ at the airport.

10. The teacher will not accept late homework after today.

→ Late homework _____ after today.

USED TO, GET/BE USED TO

Exercise 4: Choose the correct option (A, B, or C) to complete each sentence.

1. When I was a child, I _____ go swimming in the river every summer.
A) used to B) am used to C) got used to
2. I've been living in Vietnam for five years, so I _____ the hot weather now.
A) used to B) am used to C) use to
3. It was difficult at first, but I am slowly _____ waking up early for my new job.
A) used to B) get used to C) getting used to
4. My grandmother _____ have a smartphone, but now she uses one every day.
A) didn't use to B) wasn't used to C) didn't used to
5. Coming from a small village, he found it hard to _____ the noisy traffic in the city.
A) be used to B) get used to C) used to
6. Don't worry about the loud noise; the dog _____ it and won't bark.
A) is used to B) used to C) gets used to
7. Did you _____ wear a uniform when you went to primary school?
A) used to B) use to C) get used to
8. I hate driving on the left side of the road, but I suppose I will _____ it eventually.
A) used to B) be used to C) get used to
9. We _____ eat out very often, but now we cook at home to save money.
A) are used to B) used to C) get used to
10. She is a nurse, so she _____ working long hours at the hospital.
A) is used to B) used to C) didn't use to