

Passive

EXERCISES

41.1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form:  
cause damage hold include invite make overtake show  
translate write

- 1 Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- 2 Cheese ..... from milk.
- 3 The roof of the building ..... in a storm a few days ago.
- 4 There's no need to leave a tip. Service ..... in the bill.
- 5 You ..... to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- 6 A cinema is a place where films .....
- 7 In the United States, elections for President ..... every four years.
- 8 Originally the book ..... in Spanish and a few years ago it  
..... into English.
- 9 We were driving along quite fast but we ..... by lots of other cars.

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

- 1 Ask about the telephone. (when/invent?) When was the telephone invented?
- 2 Ask about glass. (how/make?) How .....
- 3 Ask about Australia. (when/discover?) .....
- 4 Ask about silver. (what/use for?) .....
- 5 Ask about television. (when/invent?) .....

41.3 Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- 1 It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
- 2 Water ..... (cover) most of the Earth's surface.
- 3 Most of the Earth's surface ..... (cover) by water.
- 4 The park gates ..... (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- 5 The letter ..... (post) a week ago and it ..... (arrive) yesterday.
- 6 The boat ..... (sink) quickly but fortunately everybody  
..... (rescue).
- 7 Ron's parents ..... (die) when he was very young. He and his sister  
..... (bring) up by their grandparents.
- 8 I was born in London but I ..... (grow) up in the north of England.
- 9 While I was on holiday, my camera ..... (steal) from my hotel room.
- 10 While I was on holiday, my camera ..... (disappear) from my hotel room.
- 11 Why ..... (Sue/resign) from her job? Didn't she enjoy it?
- 12 Why ..... (Bill/sack) from his job? What did he do wrong?
- 13 The company is not independent. It ..... (own) by a much larger company.
- 14 I saw an accident last night. Somebody ..... (call) an ambulance but  
nobody ..... (injure) so the ambulance ..... (not/need).
- 15 Where ..... (these photographs/take)? In London?  
..... (you/take) them?

41.4 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using 'somebody/they/people' etc. write a passive sentence.

- 1 Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
- 2 They cancelled all flights because of fog. All .....
- 3 People don't use this road very often. ....
- 4 Somebody accused me of stealing money. I .....
- 5 How do people learn languages? How .....
- 6 People advised us not to go out alone. ....