

PASSIVE VOICE

1. **Passive voice is used in the following news headlines. Read them and tick the statements which are true.**

- The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that experiences an action rather than the person or object that performs the action.
- The passive voice is often used in informal texts.
- The most important thing or person becomes the subject of the sentence.
- The passive voice is used to show interest in the person or object that performs the action.
- Sometimes we use the passive voice because we don't know or do not want to express who performed the action.
- The passive voice is often used in formal texts.
- We use passive voice when the person doing the action is unknown, unimportant or obvious



The image shows the header of the Los Angeles Times website. It features a dark header bar with the 'IONS' logo, a search icon, and the text 'SEARCH'. Below the header, the date 'MARCH 9, 2016' is displayed, followed by a navigation menu with links to 'MOST POPULAR', 'LOCAL', 'SPORTS', 'ENTERTAINMENT', 'POLITICS', 'EDUCATION', 'OPINION', and 'CRIMES'.

U.S. tourist killed in knife attack in Israel, where survey illuminates deep divides



The image shows a BBC News article. The top navigation bar includes the BBC logo, 'Sign in', 'Home', 'News', 'Sport', 'Real', 'Worklife', 'Travel', 'Future', 'Culture', 'More', and a search bar. Below this is a red 'NEWS' bar with links to 'Home', 'Coronavirus', 'Video', 'World', 'US & Canada', 'UK', 'Business', 'Tech', 'Science', 'Stories', 'Entertainment & Arts', and 'More'. The main headline is 'Burglar jailed for murdering former Royal Navy officer'. Below the headline are two mugshots of a man. To the right is a 'Top Stories' sidebar with links to 'Don't lift lockdown curbs too soon, UK warned', 'Osaka withdrawal turns spotlight on sport', and 'Amazing images of Mars rover's first 100 days'.

Burglar jailed for murdering former Royal Navy officer

1 November 2017



Top Stories

Don't lift lockdown curbs too soon, UK warned

Unlocking should be delayed as there are signs of a third wave in the UK, a leading scientist warns.

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Osaka withdrawal turns spotlight on sport

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Amazing images of Mars rover's first 100 days

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Manchester

Woman jailed for killing man by pushing him under Manchester tram

Charissa Brown-Wellington, 31, sentenced to five years for manslaughter of stranger she shoved during an argument



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2. Listen to the following news report and explain what it is about

3. Listen to the news again and complete the following sentences:

◆ Nissan _____ to cancel plans to expand its operations in Sunderland.

◆ The Japanese car maker Nissan _____ *next week* that it's cancelling planned investment in its plant in Sunderland. (...)

◆ *It* _____ the announcement will lead to immediate job losses.

4. Why is passive voice used in these sentences?

5. Turn these active sentences into likely headlines, by using a passive voice transformation. Only include the agent (by...) when you feel it's relevant.

The Queen will appoint a new Prime Minister later today.

A judge has given a suspended sentence to an Oxford student for stabbing her boyfriend.

They are going to give the right to vote to up to 100 prisoners on short sentences.

Police are investigating a Russian citizen who was scrutinised for ties to Trump.

They are going to allow the contaminated blood scandal victims to sue the government.

They have accused Prince Charles of conflict of interest.
