Active: Has the postal department released a new stamp?

Passive:

6-Passive with can/must/will:

Active: Subject + will/can + first form of the verb + object

Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/can + **be** + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence

Positive:

Active: I will write a letter.

Passive:

Active: She will help me.

Passive:

Active: John must learn the lesson.

Passive:

Negative:

Active: She will not help us.

Passive:

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Active: We mut not visit our elderly this year.

Passive:

Active: We will not betray our country.

Passive:

Question/Interrogative:

Active: Will you help him?

Passive: Will he be helped by you?

Active: Will you not help me?

Passive: Will I not be helped by you?

Active: Will they accept our invitation?

Passive: Will our invitation be accepted by them?

When do we use by+ agent?

We use by + agent when it is **important** to know who did the action. It isn't always necessary to use by + agent.

When is it **NOT** important to put by+ the agent?

1-When it is obvious who has done the action

Farmers grow bananas in Costa Rica.

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The workers carry the boxes onto the lorries.

We will have to examine you again.

Policeman arrested the thief.

When we don't have any idea of who can be the doer of the action. If the subject of the sentence in active voice is something, somebody, someone, they, you etc.

Someone broke the window.

The window was broken.

We should obey the rules.

The rules should be obeyed.

They make shoes in that factory.

Shoes are made in that factory.

2- When it isn't important or relevant.

Many people begin new projects in January.

Choose the correct passive form of the verb.

1.Many people begin new projects in January. New projects…… in January.

a) were begun b) are begun in January c) are being begun d) was begun

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2.You must wash that shirt for tonight's party. That shirt for tonight's party.

a) had to must washed c) must be washed d) should be washed

3.Mom is going to prepare the food. The food by mom.

a) was being prepared b) were being prepared c) was going to be prepared d) is going to be prepared

4.They make shoes in that factory. Shoes .in that factory.

a) are made b) were made c) was made d) are being made

5.We will have to examine you again. You again

a) have been examined b) will have to be examined c) will be examined d) would be examined

6.The delegation will meet the visitors at the airport. The visitors at the airport by the delegation.

a) would be met b) would meet c) will be met d) shall be met

7.All workers will read the memo. The memo by all workers.

a) would read b) have read c) have been read d) will be read

8.Nobody can beat Tiger Woods at golf. Tiger Woods at golf.

a) cannot be beaten b) could not be beaten c) will not be beaten d) would not be beaten

9.They also speak German at EU meetings. German at EU meetings.

a) is spoken b) is also spoken c) is being spoken d) was spoken

10.We must look into the question. The question into.

a) should be looked into b) had to be looked into c) must be looked into d) must be looked

11.Someone stole the watch. The watch

a) is stolen b) is being stolen c) was being stolen d) was stolen

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12.Policeman arrested the thief. The thief

a) is arrested b) was arrested c) was being arrested d) were arrested

13.People expect the Chief Minister to come tomorrow. The Chief Minister to come tomorrow.

a) is expected b) was expected c) will be expected d) is being expected

14.Someone has stolen my wallet. My wallet

a) have been stolen b) had been stolen c) has been stolen d) will be stolen

15.The enemy has defeated our army. Our army a)have been defeated b)has been defeated c)had been defeated d)would be defeated

Practice

2. Rewrite the sentences in the passive form. Use *by* - agent where appropriate.

1-They will transport the goods to Europe by ship.

2.-Sir Alfred Green bought the Allied National Bank last month.

3-Will they build a new factory in order to create new jobs?

4-They are producing fair-trade crafts in this village now.

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5-Were Muso Tech & Co making MP3 players last year?

6.The company can't complete the project in less than two years.

7. People will not buy so many TW computers next year.

8. They have sold JC Bookshops to Waterwells to raise money for the company.

Fill the gaps with the correct tenses (active or passive voice)

The contract……..(cancel) by the studio managers. Hidden behind their stoic lawyers the messages ……..(pass) down. Words like 'iron clad' and 'final notice'……..(thrust) into their faces. Voices……(raise). Emotions…….(not keep) in check. Fury……(rise) unbridled. Tears …….(make) black rivulets down red cheeks. A Union-rep……(call). False hopes and empty promises……(dole out) to hysterical actors. Hands…….(fly) ; papers…….(fly) even further. Exasperation and

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desperation……(etch) on their expressive faces. No acting…….(require). Unemployment cheques……..(do not) promise a merry Christmas.

Fill the gaps with the correct tenses (active or passive voice)

In the year 1997, Lady Diana (visit) _____ London in Britain. On her visit, she was (tell) _____ that Prince Charles……(cheat) on her. So, Lady Diana (give) _____ her order to return to Buckingham Palace immediately. After six years of troubled marriage, in August 1996, she_____(finish) her divorce procedures and she became officially free. It (be) _____a marriage full of misery, heart breaks, and scandals. Lady Diana's new palace had a garden which was (guard) _____ by 400 British secret agents. Every kilometre there (be) _____a checkpoint where visitors…….(meet) strict search meaures. The world (watch) _____Lady Diana's tragedy unfolds. People……..(check) her every photo in admiration and awe. In order to pass through the gates of her palace, people……..(have) to go to one of the checkpoints that (serve) _____ as gateways to her massive mansion. Her palace……(call) _____ "Kensington Palace" because it was situated in the village of Kensington. Between checkpoints there (be) _____ two secret agents who…….. (guard) the princess. If Lady Diana's palace…… (attack) by enemies, the secret agents at the checkpoints (run) _____ to rescue her. At times, they…….(light) up a fire that (can + see) _____ by the intruders and would scare them off the property. The palace……. (abandon) by Lady Diana's sons. ---------- Kensington Palace……. (visit) _____ by millions of tourists every year. In

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2000, it (become) ……. a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Rewrite the questions in the passive form:

1-The technician hasn't repaired the air condition.

2-Someone must have broken into the apartment.

3-They will have reached their target sales by 2024.

4-We were making a cake at 9 PM

5-The burglar robbed the bank yesterday.

6-James skillfully opened the tomato jar.

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7-Lilly wrote the article.

8-We will discuss the issue next meeting.

9-The teenager crashed a brand-new Lamborghini.

10-They prepare brunch for the workers everyday.

11-Someone must have stolen the tablet.

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