

9 High-Tech World

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Grammar

The Passive Voice: Gerunds, Infinitives & Modal Verbs

A Read the sentences and note the passive verbs in bold. Then answer the questions below.

- a I imagine **being watched** by cameras is not pleasant.
- b The scientist decided **to be involved** in the project.
- c The public **should be told** about the dangers of mobile phones.

Which sentence uses

- 1 a modal verb and a bare infinitive?
- 2 a full infinitive?
- 3 a gerund?

B Complete the rules.

We form the passive of a gerund with _____ + past participle. We form the passive of a full infinitive with _____ + past participle. We form the passive of a bare infinitive with _____ + past participle.

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D Complete the second sentences in the passive voice.

- 1 They should deliver our new state of the art computers today.
Our new state of the art computers should _____ today.
- 2 The government is going to build a modern science museum.
A modern science museum is going to _____ by the government.
- 3 I remember somebody giving me a digital watch.
I remember _____ a digital watch.
- 4 The scientist doesn't like his colleagues telling him lies.
The scientist doesn't like _____ lies by his colleagues.
- 5 Can you repair the machine?
Can the machine _____?
- 6 Does he have to hand in the project today?
Does the project have to _____ today?

C Choose the correct answers.

Robots

The word 'robot' was introduced for the first time in 1921 by the Czech writer Karel Čapek in his play *Rossum's Universal Robots*. These robots were like humans because they could think for themselves. When we hear the word 'robot' nowadays, we think of a machine that must (1) ... what to do and that cannot think for itself.

But can a robot that shows emotions (2) ...? Actually, yes, and it's already been done! A robot called Kismet has been developed with eyes, lips and ears. These features move and allow emotions (3) ... Kismet doesn't enjoy (4) ... so when that happens he looks sad. He loves attention, though, so when he sees a human face, he smiles. Other expressions such as interest, calm, surprise, anger and happiness can also (5) ... on his face.

At present, other robots are being made that will be able to play sports, so in the future people might not (6) ... millions to play for the best teams. Everyone will be cheering on their robot heroes instead!

1 a be told	b to be told	c being told
2 a be created	b to be created	c being created
3 a be expressed	b to be expressed	c being expressed
4 a be left alone	b to be left alone	c being left alone
5 a be seen	b to be seen	c being seen
6 a be paid	b to be paid	c being paid

C A robot design with human features

