

# PASSIVE MODALS

## Practice

1. Complete with the correct form. Use passive in present or past form.

1. I wouldn't leave your car unlocked. It Might be stolen (might/steal)
2. My bag has disappeared. It \_\_\_\_\_ (must/steal)
3. I can't find my hat. Somebody \_\_\_\_\_ (must/take) it by mistake
4. It's a serious problem. I don't know how it \_\_\_\_\_ (can/solve)
5. We didn't leave early enough. We \_\_\_\_\_ (should/leave)

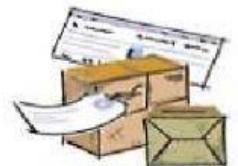


2. Fill in the blank with the passive voice of the verb in ( ).

1. Traffic regulations \_\_\_\_\_ by drivers as well as pedestrians. **Present form**  
(must/obey)
2. A driver \_\_\_\_\_ by the police. **Past form**  
(might/stop)
3. A driver \_\_\_\_\_ to get out of the car. **Past form**  
(could/ask)
4. A driver \_\_\_\_\_ to the police station. **Past form**  
(might/take)
5. Drunk drivers \_\_\_\_\_ a sobriety test. **Present form**  
(May/give)

3. Change the following sentences to the passive voice. Do not use agent!

1. You must put out all smoking materials.  
All smoking material must be put out
2. You must fasten the seat belt.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. They will demonstrate safety precautions.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. You should read the safety instructions.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. You can store small packages in the overhead compartment.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. When the seat belt light goes off, you may remove the seat belt.  
\_\_\_\_\_



**4. Use the verb in parenthesis with any appropriate modal or similar expression. All of the sentences are passive. In many sentences, more than one modal is possible. Use the modal that sounds best to you.**

Eg. The entire valley (see) **can be seen** from their mountain home.

1. She is wearing a gold band on her fourth finger. She (marry) **Must be married**.
2. According to our teacher, all of our compositions (write) ..... **UK** ..... in ink. She won't accept papers written in pencil.
3. I found this book on my desk when I came to class. It (leave) ..... by one of the students in the earlier class.
4. Five of the committee members will be unable to attend the next meeting. In my opinion, the meeting(postpone) .....
5. A child (give, not) ..... everything he or she wants.
6. Your daughter has a good voice. Her interest in singing(encourage) .....
7. Try to speak slowly when you give your speech. If you don't, some of your words (misunderstand) .....
8. Some UFO sightings (explain, not) ..... easily. No one is able to explain them easily.