

# Passive voice

## 1 Put into the correct active or passive form.

- 1 She promised him a book.  
He .....
- 2 They will take her to hospital tomorrow.  
She .....
- 3 You cannot expect children to understand these problems.  
Children .....
- 4 No-one has climbed this mountain before.  
This mountain .....
- 5 He disappeared and no-one has seen him again.  
He disappeared and .....
- 6 I was told the latest news by a friend this morning.  
A friend .....
- 7 Have you ever been called a fool before?  
Has .....
- 8 She was recommended a new doctor by her friend.  
Her friend .....
- 9 Were you offered the job I told you about?  
Did .....
- 10 Were you given enough sugar?  
Did .....
- 11 People will show the visitor the new buildings.  
The visitor .....
- 12 Someone will tell you what time the train leaves.  
You .....
- 13 Someone ordered the prisoners to stand up.  
The prisoners .....
- 14 I want someone to answer the phone call.  
I want .....

## 2 Passive with verbs + preposition. Change these sentences into the passive.

- 1 They will send for you when the boss arrives.  
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- 2 He put off the meeting.  
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- 3 They picked the students up from the school.  
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- 4 Poor John! A drunk driver ran him over.  
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- 5 We must go into this matter.  
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- 6 Look how well they have brought up those children.  
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- 7 Be careful what you say, as they will take down all your words.  
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## 3 Interrogative form. Put these questions into the passive.

- 1 Is somebody picking you up tonight?  
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- 2 Did they give up the search after three hours?  
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- 3 Did anyone send you the photograph which they promised you?  
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- 4 Can we solve the problem?  
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- 5 Are you going to tell her the whole truth?  
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- 6 Did anyone ask you any questions?  
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## 4 Passive with reporting verbs. Put the following sentences into the passive.

- 1 People claim the Mona Lisa is the world's most famous painting.  
The Mona Lisa .....
- 2 Experts believe it was a portrait of a nobleman.  
It is .....
- 3 They say her smile hides a secret.  
Her smile .....

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- 4 Many believe it is Leonardo's masterpiece.  
It is .....
- 5 Scientists know he was a wonderful engineer too.  
He is .....
- 6 Historians think he was unhappy in old age.  
He is .....
- 7 People think the fire started at about 8 o'clock.  
The fire .....
- 8 They say experts are studying objects from a Spanish ship.  
Experts .....
- 9 They believe the ship was carrying gold bars.  
The ship .....

## 5 Rewrite the sentences in a different way.

- 1 You can only see these particles through a microscope.  
These particles .....
- 2 People are using computers in all kinds of work.  
Computers .....
- 3 You have to keep dangerous chemicals in a safe place.  
Dangerous .....
- 4 You should have left the laboratory unlocked.  
The laboratory .....
- 5 We are unlikely to discover intelligent life on other planets.  
Intelligent life .....
- 6 Three million people watch TV plays every week.  
TV plays .....
- 7 The critics gave the play good reviews.  
The play .....
- 8 A Greek architect is designing the new concert hall.  
The new concert hall .....
- 9 Two million people have already seen the exhibition.  
The exhibition .....
- 10 They are going to knock down the old theatre.  
The old theatre .....

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- 11 They were still painting the walls when I left.  
The walls .....
- 12 An American invented the laser.  
The laser .....
- 13 They ought to mend the roof.  
The roof .....
- 14 Brazil produces large quantities of coffee.  
Large quantities .....

## 6 Rewrite these sentences with the new beginnings.

- 1 No one ever uses this room.  
This room .....
- 2 This building is said to be 2,000 years old.  
They .....
- 3 The teacher made the class stay in after school.  
The class .....
- 4 Was it a monkey that bit your finger?  
Was your .....
- 5 They were mending the road all last week.  
All last week the road .....
- 6 They say the castle is 500 years old.  
The castle .....
- 7 The police ordered the crowds to move on.  
The crowds .....
- 8 No one ever saw him again.  
He .....
- 9 Rembrandt painted this picture.  
This picture .....
- 10 No one ever discovered the identity of the murdered man.  
The identity .....
- 11 Someone is painting our house.  
We .....
- 12 The painters decorated our house last week.  
We .....