

Grammar: passives

1 Rewrite the following sentences using the correct passive form of the verbs in *italics*.

- 1 They're *making* a film about Indian tigers.
A film about Indian tigers
- 2 No one has *painted* this house for ten years.
This house
- 3 They *provide* over one hundred scholarships for students every year.
Over one hundred scholarships for students
- 4 I realised someone had *stolen* my wallet.
I realised my wallet
- 5 Someone has to *guard* this prisoner day and night.
This prisoner
- 6 Water might *affect* the Joker badly.
The Joker
- 7 The police were *interviewing* people in the neighbourhood last night.
People in the neighbourhood
- 8 A police roadblock finally *forced* Mr Howarth to stop.
Mr Howarth



2 Rewrite the following sentences using an appropriate passive form so that they sound more formal.

- 1 You have made some kind of a mistake.
Some kind of a mistake
- 2 We remind you not to put bottles in the overhead lockers.
Passengers
- 3 We will refund your money in full if you are not satisfied.
Your money
- 4 Our customer relations office is dealing with your complaint.
Your complaint
- 5 We will send successful candidates a letter inviting them to attend a second interview.
Successful candidates
- 6 We sent the goods on 15th April.
The goods
- 7 If no one has delivered the equipment by 15th May, please contact us again.
If the equipment
- 8 We will replace furniture that our employees damage in transit.
Furniture damaged in transit
- 9 Perhaps you would like another cup of coffee while we are preparing your bill.
Perhaps you would like another cup of coffee while your bill
- 10 We apologise for the delay. Technicians were checking the plane.
We apologise for the delay. The plane