

# PASSIVE AND ACTIVE VOICES

1 Rewrite the sentences into the passive voice. Use the agent only if necessary.

1. We'll send you the parcel as soon as we get it.

The parcel

2. The manager accused the cashier of stealing money.

The cashier .....

3. Nobody will believe what Paul says.

What .....

4. The shop assistant has helped me to choose your present.

I .....

5. Did the florist bring the bride's bouquet?

Was .....

6. You can't park the car in this street.

The car .....

7. Does the artist show his works in this exhibition room?

Are

.....

8. Mary has sold her house to some French people.

Some French

.....

9. The company exports lots of laptops to Germany.

Lots

.....

10. When did you receive Pam's letter?

When .....

11. The channel doesn't believe that the audience will grow up next year.

The audience .....

12. Grandma must visit the cardiologist to check her peacemaker.

Grandma

13. The guests had drunk the cocktail when the newlyweds arrived.

The cocktail .....

14. The music shop can give you a 5% discount this month.

You .....

**2. Write the verbs in the correct passive form:**

1. Letters to voters ..... at election time (send/ pr. simple)

2. The housework ..... (do/ pr. perf)

3. This car ..... here (can/not/ park/ pr. simple)

4. Lots of workers ..... redundant last year (make/ past simple)

5. ..... dinner ..... ready by 9:30? (be/ will)

6. The computer ..... when I arrived (fix/ past cont).

7. This museum ..... in 2002 (redecorate/past simple).

8. The report ..... by Monday (must/ finish/ pr. simple)

9. ..... your TV..... yet? (repair/p. perf)

10. Nothing ..... about the millionaire's kidnap (say/ pr. perf)

11. Lots of money ..... to the Third World every year (give/pr. simple)

12. A new shopping centre ..... next month (open/ going to)

**3 Open the brackets. Use the appropriate tense and voice form.**

**(A)**

There is an old castle in Norwich which (1) (*believe*) ..... to be haunted. It (2) (*call*) ..... North Castle and it (3) (*say*) ..... that ghosts can (4) (*see*) ..... there at night. The castle (5) ..... (*build*) 400 years ago and (6) (*own*)

..... by two old ladies who (7) (*believe*) ..... to be witches. One day, long ago, they both disappeared and they (8) (*never/ see*) ..... again. In 1985 the castle (9) (*to buy*) ..... by a businessman and (10) (*convert*) ..... into a luxurious hotel. The castle (11) (*visit*) ..... by quite a few guests every year and special groups (12) ..... (*organize*) to watch for ghosts. It has been a long time since any ghosts (13) (*see*) ....., but one night a trick (14) (*play*) ..... on some visitors by a local couple, who dressed up as the two "witches". They (15) (*see*) ..... by a guest who said she (16) (*frighten*) ..... almost to death. The couple apologized the next day, and (17) (*tell*) ..... never to visit the castle again, certainly not in the middle of the night dressed up as witches.

(B)

Professor Higgins, who (18) (*award*) ..... a major science prize last month, (19) (*invite*) ..... to take part in a conference which (20) (*hold*) ..... in London last week. He (21) (*meet*) ..... at the airport by a driver who, unfortunately, (22) (*give*) ..... the name of the wrong hotel to take the professor to. A large reception (23) (*organize*) ..... for the professor and at least 200 eminent scientists (24) (*invite*) ..... to meet him that evening. The poor professor, however, (25) (*leave*) ..... at a small hotel in a rather bad area, and when he asked to speak to the Head of the Conference Committee, he (26) (*tell*) ..... to try somewhere else because he (27) (*not/ hear off*) ..... there. Luckily, later that evening, the driver (28) (*send*) ..... to the hotel where the reception (29) (*hold*) ....., and when he (30) (*ask*) ..... what he had done with the professor, everyone realized that a mistake (31) (*make*) ..... The professor says that if he (32) (*ever/send*) ..... another invitation to a conference, he hopes it (33) (*organize*.....) more efficiently.

**1** ★★ Fill in the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: Wow! Look at that house!  
B: Did you know that it *was made* (make) from recycled materials?
- 2 A: Why is there so much rubbish in the streets?  
B: It ..... (not/collect) for two weeks.
- 3 A: Where can I buy organic produce around here?  
B: I think organic fruit and vegetables ..... (sell) at the local supermarket.
- 4 A: How is the clean-up day going?  
B: Really well. Right now, litter ..... (collect) at Bute Park.
- 5 A: A huge range of animals and plants can ..... (find) in the Amazon Rainforest.  
B: I'd love to go on a hike there.
- 6 A: More of our household waste should ..... (recycle).  
B: I agree. I try to recycle as much as I can.
- 7 A: What can we do to save endangered species?  
B: I think new laws ..... (need) to give them more protection.
- 8 A: Where did you get that cloth shopping bag?  
B: It ..... (give) to me as a gift from my sister.

**2** ★ Fill in the gaps with *by* or *with*.



- 1 The fruit salad was made *with* organic fruit.
- 2 These trees were planted *in* the school ..... the environmental club.
- 3 This bag was filled ..... rubbish.
- 4 The money for the new recycling centre was raised ..... locals.
- 5 The leaking tap in my kitchen was fixed ..... a plumber.

**3** ★★ Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Omit the agent where possible.

- 1 Do they sell second-hand clothes in this shop?  
*Are second-hand clothes sold in this shop?*
- 2 I don't like people dropping litter on the floor.  
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- 3 They will have cleaned up the beach by tomorrow afternoon.  
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- 4 Does acid rain damage trees and buildings?  
.....
- 5 Julia has taken the bottles to the bottle bank.  
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- 6 They will open a new nature reserve soon.  
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- 7 Scientists are going to monitor the endangered species.  
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- 8 They told her to cycle to school instead of going in the car.  
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**4** ★★ Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. Use up to three words.

- 1 The mayor has opened a recycling centre.  
*A recycling centre *has been opened* by the mayor.*
- 2 A famous environmentalist wrote this book.  
*This book ..... by a famous environmentalist.*
- 3 In the future, electricity will power cars.  
*In the future, cars ..... by electricity.*
- 4 They are installing a new solar panel today.  
*A new solar panel ..... today.*
- 5 We will have collected all the litter by tomorrow.  
*By tomorrow, all the litter ..... collected.*
- 6 Factories cause a lot of air pollution.  
*A lot of air pollution ..... by factories.*

3. Translate into English. Use the Present, Past, Future Simple Passive.

- 1) Телефон был изобретён Александром Беллом.
- 2) Когда помидоры созревают, их собирают, проверяют качество, а затем продают на рынках и в магазинах.
- 3) В какое время подают обед в этом отеле? - В любое время с 12.00 до 13.30.
- 4) Модная одежда поставляется в нашу страну из многих стран мира, и она быстро продаётся во всех больших магазинах.
- 5) На уроках английского языка нам объясняют грамматические правила.
- 6) В Европе пьют много кофе.
- 7) Такое оборудование больше не выпускают, так как оно устарело.
- 8) - Где выращивают кофе? - В Бразилии.
- 9) Участников встречи на высшем уровне встретили очень тепло.
- 10) Когда мыли машину в последний раз?
- 11) Ему дали несколько дней, чтобы закончить статью
- 12) Документы были найдены на улице и возвращены владельцу.
- 13) Ему сообщили о результатах эксперимента в конце месяца.
- 14) Америка была открыта Колумбом в 1492 году.
- 15) Решение этой проблемы было найдено несколько дней тому назад.
- 16) Ей не разрешили принять участие в соревнованиях из-за слабого здоровья.
- 17) Преступника арестовали 2 дня тому назад.
- 18) Собрание было отложено из-за того, что не все сотрудники предприятия знали об этом.
- 19) Я не сомневаюсь, что план проведения конференции будет одобрен всеми.
- 20) Если больному станет легче, его не будут госпитализировать.
- 21) Если моему брату предложат хорошо оплачиваемую работу, он охотно согласится.

22) Любопытно, когда будет издана книга этого автора?

23) В следующем году будет завершено строительство большого торгового центра на нашей улице.

24) Книги и журналы будут возвращены в библиотеку не позже, чем через 10 дней.

25) Товары будут доставлены завтра.

26) Контракт будет подписан, когда директор вернется с командировки.

27) Если его не повысят по службе, он уволится.

