Active and Passive Voice

E.g. The teacher told Tom many times to stop talking in class (Active)

Tom was told many times to stop talking in class. (Passive)

Write the following sentences in the passive voice:

1. People eat 40 million hamburgers every day.

2. Mark's mother raised him in a small town.

3. They are building a new road near my house.

4. We will have signed the deal by this time next week.

5. Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928.

6. When did they translate this book into English?

7. Some dangerous looking men followed me home.

8. The students all have to read, "Lord of the Flies" for their exam.

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It is thought, it is believed, it is expected etc

E.g. A plane carrying 55 passengers to New York is believed to have experienced a fire earlier this morning.

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1. The plane is thought to have been about 20 minutes into its journey, when the fire started.

2. Five people are believed to have been treated for smoke inhalation.

3. All passengers are expected to make a complete recovery.

4. They say that the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing.

5. The airline has reported that all passengers were questioned by security.

6. They do not know when the plane will be considered safe to fly again.

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Indicate whether the following sentences are active or passive.

1. The company was shut down by the police.
2. She is writing the reports now.
3. Someone has broken our window!
4. The delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone.
5. The litter was all picked up by the children.
6. The farm workers will soon milk the cows.
7. The teacher read a story to her class.
8. The story was enjoyed by all the children.
9. My mother has cleaned the whole house.
10. That car looks like it has never been washed!
11. This year's budget has not been approved yet.
12. The school secretary opens the mail every morning.
13. Those children have all been very well brought up.
14. A new home has been found for the stray dog.
15. The police arrested the criminals.
16. The shoplifter stole many items from the shop.

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