

UNIT 3-MAKING A LIVING

THE PASSIVE VOICE

1. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.
 1. The dubbawalla system (use) for over a century.
 2. It (say) that the dubbawallas make one mistake in six million lunches.
 3. Why the dubbawallas (visit) by England's Prince Charles when he was in India?
 4. The workers ate after their lunches (deliver).
 5. While the men were working, their lunches (cook) by the women.
 6. This system (should / review) by more business schools as soon as possible.
2. Complete the mini-passages below. Use the active and passive form of a suitable verb from the list.

write • turn into • think • post • program

Watch out, sports reporters! In the past, it ¹..... that computers couldn't write, but times have changed. Narrative Science is a company that ²..... computers reporters. The computers ³..... to take data such as sports statistics and translate it into articles. A few months ago, one of their articles ⁴..... on a sports website. It was so good that readers had no idea that it ⁵..... by a computer!

can buy • take over • lose • confirm • send

The website tells you: "Your reservation ¹..... just Your e-ticket ²..... to you immediately." Everyone knows that plane tickets ³..... both easily and cheaply on an online booking site. This is great for most of us, but 14% of travel agents ⁴..... their jobs in the past few years. They're only one of many groups whose jobs ⁵..... now by technology.

THE CAUSATIVE:

To have my hair cut/to get my car repaired...

Read the explanation and the examples. Then complete the rule.

When focusing on an action, we sometimes use the causative structure. This structure is used to talk about arranging for things to be done for us by others.

Prince Charles **had** his picture **taken** with the dabbawallas when he was in Mumbai.

Many workers in Mumbai **get** their lunches **delivered** by dabbawallas.

In the causative, we use or + object + past participle.

3. Complete the sentences using a causative form.

1. People sometimes their CVs (write) by a professional.
2. We can our suitcases (carry) by a porter.
3. Why you the shelves (take out) of your office yesterday?
4. We new computers (install) tomorrow.
5. you ever your car (repair) at that garage?
6. Our guests their luggage (bring) to their hotel room in a few hours.