

# Rephrasing Passive Voice

## A. From active to passive

1. No one is using that room at the moment.
2. They had finished preparations by the time the guests arrived.
3. Few people have climbed this mountain before.
4. My grandmother grew vegetables in the garden.
5. Is she killing her dogs?
6. He was hanging out the clothes when it started to rain.
7. When will the waiter bring the food?
8. Who wrote this letter?
9. I have finished the work.
10. You don't have to pay this bill until next week.
11. Did they take your aunt to hospital in an ambulance?

## B. From passive to active

1. The best cream cakes are made by Sayers.
2. By the end of the party all the food had been eaten.
3. My glasses must have been thrown away by mistake.
4. Who was the television invented by?
5. She was heard complaining about the new timetables.
6. A new shopping centre is being built on the outskirts of town.
7. The awards will be presented by Tom Hanks.
8. Was the car taken to the garage yesterday?
9. Has the car been repaired yet?
10. The victim had been poisoned

## C. Verbs with two objects (Impersonal subject and personal subject)

1. Sharon hasn't given the news to Paul. The news  
Paul
2. I have already sent all my friends my new e-mail address. My new  
My friends
3. I won't tell them your secret.
4. They handed the actress an Oscar.
5. They will give the winners flowers.
6. I think they should have offered Tom the job.
7. Did they give you the money?
8. Has anyone ever called you an idiot before?

#### D. Passive with reporting verbs (impersonal passive)

1. People know that she is a good swimmer. It  
She
2. People believed that nuclear power stations were dangerous. It  
Nuclear power stations
3. Everybody supposes that the crisis will last too long. It  
The
4. The lecturer thought that Columbus never realized that he had discovered America.  
It  
Columbus
5. We consider that she was the best opera singer in the world. It  
She
6. People expect that the Home Secretary will resign after the scandal.  
It  
The Home Secretary
7. They believe he is having an affair. It  
He
8. People said that Mr. Bond was having financial difficulties. It  
Mr. Bond

#### C. Causative

1. The mechanic changed the oil in my car.
2. The hairdresser is going to cut my hair in a different style.
3. A decorator has repainted our house.
4. An electrician will repair my DVD player next week.
5. The dentist is taking my sister's tooth out.
6. The doctor took my dad's blood pressure.
7. Did the mechanic repair Paul's motorbike?
8. When will they deliver Dan's sofa?
9. Can't you get someone to do the translation?
10. A birthday party is being organized for me by my friends

#### D. Passive with verbs + preposition

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

