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Turn the following questions into the passive.

1 Do they make bread in this factory?

Is bread made in this factory?

2 Will Susan decorate the bedroom tomorrow?

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3 Did they find the ring in the garden?

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4 Is Tom drawing the picture?

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5 Has Simon sent the invitations yet?

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6 Had Paul repaired the door before he left for work?

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Note:

When we want to find out who or what did something, then the passive is formed as follows: **Who/What ... by?**

e.g. *Who was America discovered by?*



Write questions in the passive to which the words in bold are the answers, as in the examples.

1 **Captain Cook** discovered Australia.

Who was Australia discovered by?

2 **A dog** was chasing Paul.

What was Paul being chased by?

3 **Simon** is going to organise the party.

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4 **A bee** stung him.

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5 **Fiona** cooked this delicious turkey.

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6 **An international company** publishes these books.

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7 **A bomb** killed the soldier.

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Rewrite the sentences in the passive in both ways, as in the example.

- 1 His father gave Billy a new bicycle.
a) *Billy was given a new bicycle by his father.*
b) *A new bicycle was given to Billy by his father.*
- 2 Fred has offered Mary a watch.
a)
b)
- 3 Lisa is sending Tim an invitation.
a)
b)
- 4 She brought me some oranges.
a)
b)
- 5 Sonia is going to lend me some money.
a)
b)
- 6 Jack will show me the new car.
a)
b)
- 7 They paid him a lot of money for the job.
a)
b)

- 1 They will not deliver the new sofa on Friday.
The new sofa will not be delivered on Friday.
- 2 You can use this saucepan for cooking spaghetti.
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- 3 I have to finish my homework tonight.
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- 4 You must tidy your bedroom.
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- 5 You ought to put these clothes away.
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- 6 The boss gave the secretary some letters to type.
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- 7 We should eat this cake immediately.
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- 8 Sally sent Peter a birthday card.
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- 9 You must take the dog for a walk.
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- 10 The cat is not chasing the mouse.
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- 11 Do they produce oil in Spain?
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- 12 Did a dog bite him?
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- 13 Edward has not recorded a new song.
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11 Rewrite the following passage in the passive.

Somebody sent me a bunch of flowers. The man from the flower shop delivered them to my house. He told me that they were a present. A young man had ordered them. He had put no card in the flowers. I still don't know who sent them.

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12 Rewrite the following passage in the passive.

Someone started a fire in the Courtney National Park early yesterday morning. They had used a match and some petrol to start the fire. The fire had burnt a lot of trees before someone called the fire brigade. The police have arrested a man. They are still questioning him.

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being Trees in the garden.
- The dog was chasing the cat around the house.
was The cat around the house by the dog.
- They haven't cleaned the floor yet.
been The floor yet.
- They had eaten all the food by the time I got there.
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