

Grammar: The passive voice: The future 1

Complete each sentence. Use a passive form of the verb in parentheses.

Example:

They promised that in the coming years, our lives would be made easier by new home technologies. (make)

- 1 The book predicts that all our home appliances _____ to each other via the Internet. (link)
- 2 In the 1980s, Steve Jobs and Bill Gates predicted that computers _____ by millions of people in their homes. (use)
- 3 I believe that in the future, more and more surgeries _____ by robots. (perform)
- 4 In 1999, Bill Gates predicted that personal communications _____ by small portable devices. (transform)
- 5 I can't believe that the cost of space travel _____ enough to make it widely available. (reduce)
- 6 Some workers are afraid that they _____ out of their jobs because of advances in technology. (force)
- 7 I think that the cars of the future _____ by both people and computers. (drive)
- 8 In a TV program I saw last night, one expert predicted that in the near future all housework _____ by robots. (do)

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Rewrite each sentence in the passive voice. Do not include a by phrase. Complete the sentences.

Example:

Rockets will transport lightweight building materials from Earth to the moon.

Lightweight building materials will be transported from Earth to the moon.

- 1 Scientists will develop new methods of identification to replace passports.
_____ to replace passports.
- 2 I predicted that they would build hotels in space.
I predicted that _____ in space.
- 3 By 2030, the government will have established high-speed train routes all across the country.
By 2030, _____ all across the country.
- 4 Soon they'll set up electric charging stations for cars everywhere.
Soon _____ everywhere.

- 5 We predicted that they would improve solar-powered planes significantly in the coming years.
We predicted that _____ significantly in the coming years.
- 6 By the middle of this century, important events will have transformed life on this planet.
By the middle of this century, _____.
- 7 In the future, scientists will invent new ways to power vehicles.
In the future, _____.
- 8 They predicted that we wouldn't need pilots anymore.
They predicted that _____ anymore.