

PASSIVE VOICE

Complete with the *passive voice*.

- 1 A space probe was sent (send) to Mars two months ago.
- 2 Roller skates _____ (invent) in 1949.
- 3 She _____ (might / interview) by a famous journalist.
- 4 The classrooms _____ (clean) every day.
- 5 We can't use my office at the moment. It _____ (clean).
- 6 I think a hospital _____ (build) here next year.
- 7 Mr Smith was waiting while his car _____ (repair).
- 8 We can't go to the concert. All the tickets _____ (sell).
- 9 I _____ (can / contact) in an emergency.
- 10 By the time the police arrived, all the money _____ (steal).

Rewrite the sentences in the *passive voice*.

- 1 The prime minister will give a medal to the winners.
A medal will be given to the winners by the prime minister.
- 2 He gave Tim some money.
Tim _____
- 3 They've offered Sally a job.
Sally _____
- 4 She is telling the children a story.
The children _____
- 5 They gave Bob a CD player for his birthday.
Bob _____

Rewrite the sentences in the *passive voice*.

- 1 Anyone can answer this question.
This question can be answered by anyone.
- 2 An old man was following the girls.

- 3 Detective Roberts is interviewing the robbers.

- 4 Jean Pierre is going to design her wedding dress.

- 5 A vet was examining the sick cat.

- 6 A doctor should treat that wound.

- 7 The new reporter can write that article.

- 8 Kate Woods might sing this song.

- 6 He must give the message to the right person.
The message _____
- 7 We teach our students English and French.
Our students _____
- 8 Someone brought flowers for the bride.
Flowers _____
- 9 They showed the tourists the sights of Athens.
The tourists _____
- 10 They pay her an excellent salary.
She _____

Rewrite the sentences in the *passive voice*.
Use the correct construction.

- 1 It is said that a black cat brings bad luck.
A black cat is said to bring bad luck.
- 2 It is known that dogs are colour blind.
Dogs are known to be colour blind.
- 3 It is believed that he has moved to Brazil.
He is believed to have moved to Brazil.
- 4 The thieves are reported to have escaped.
It is reported that they have escaped.
- 5 It is said that five people died in the accident yesterday.
Five people are said to have died in the accident yesterday.
- 6 The plane is reported to have landed safely last night.
It is reported that it landed safely last night.
- 7 The new restaurant is thought to be very good.
It is thought that it is very good.
- 8 The actor is said to be seriously ill.
It is said that he is seriously ill.
- 9 It is thought that people came here three thousand years ago.
People are thought to have come here three thousand years ago.
- 10 She is believed to have bought the painting for over a million pounds.
It is believed that she bought the painting for over a million pounds.

CAUSATIVE FORM

1 Complete with the *causative form*. Use the tense given.

- 1 I have my car washed. (my car / wash) once a week. (present simple)
- 2 Jill had her house broken into (her house / break into) while she was in Spain. (past simple)
- 3 We have our living room redecorated. (our living room / redecorate). (present perfect)
- 4 Walter was fixing the tap (the tap / fix) when I called him. (past continuous)
- 5 Don't worry. I will develop this film (this film / develop) tomorrow. (will)
- 6 Mike's over there. He is taking his photograph (his photograph / take). (present continuous)
- 7 I will have typed this report (this report / type) by Monday morning. (future perfect)
- 8 We sent all our suitcases (all our suitcases / send) to the hotel. (past simple)
- 9 Wanda is cutting her hair (her hair / cut). (present continuous)
- 10 She had translated the article (the article / translate). (past perfect)

2 Complete with the *causative form*.

- 1 We are having our garage rebuilt. (our garage / rebuild) at the moment.
- 2 Dad delivers his newspaper (his newspaper / deliver) to our house every morning.
- 3 She usually serves her breakfast (her breakfast / serve) in her room.
- 4 He published his last book (his last book / publish) in 1999.
- 5 I just typed the letters (the letters / just / type).
- 6 The actor has painted his portrait (his portrait / paint) two times so far.
- 7 The house was blown off its roof (its roof / blow off) in the storm last night.
- 8 Sue had her carpets cleaned (her carpets / clean) when I phoned.
- 9 They had cleaned the swimming pool (the swimming pool / already / clean) when we visited them.
- 10 I will fix the door (the door / fix) soon, I promise.