

## Very common rule is:

- Bring the object first
- Choose correct 'be' verb
- Change verb into participle
- Add by + subject

object +  
'be' verb +  
verb 3 +  
by +  
subject

She helps him.

He is helped by her.

### A. Complete the following sentences using appropriate active or passive verb forms. Choose your answers from the given options.

1. All that awful noise pollution    has caused | has been caused | caused | was caused    by old-fashioned stereo system last week.
2. We are sorry for the temporary inconvenience!  
The building    is refurbishing | is being refurbished | has been refurbished | was refurbished    to be more environmentally friendly.
3. Lately the visitors    showed | are shown | were shown | have shown | have been shown    a temporary exhibit of endangered animals throughout the world.
4. Teresa    shocked | have shocked | was shocked | has been shocked | had shocked    by Rudolfo's attitude the weekend before last. Why would he throw the rubbish on the floor?
5. I    lend | am lent | lent | was lent | have lent | have been lent    him 100 €. No money back yet.
6. Those pyramids    build | are built | built | was built | were built    around 400 A.D..
7. That picture of a wolf    painted | was painted | has painted | has been painted | had been painted    by my grandmother when she was young.
8. This serious environmental problem    explains | is explained | explained | was explained    to the children yesterday.

**B. Rewrite the sentences using what you have learnt on the Passive Voice.**

1. They also speak German at EU meetings.

German \_\_\_\_\_ meetings.

2. We must look into the Global Warming question.

The Global Warming question \_\_\_\_\_

3. Someone reads the newspaper to him every day.

The newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ day.

4. The Chinese discovered acupuncture thousands of years ago.

Acupuncture \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of years ago.

5. The police locked up the criminals.

The animals \_\_\_\_\_ police.

6. They must have left the keys behind.

The keys \_\_\_\_\_ behind.

7. The robbers made up the story.

The story \_\_\_\_\_ robbers.

8. The boy is eating the cake.

The cake \_\_\_\_\_ boy.

9. Dad is going to buy a box of chocolates.

A box of chocolates \_\_\_\_\_ dad.

10. Nobody could beat Tiger Woods at golf for decades.

Tiger Woods \_\_\_\_\_ at golf for decades.