

THE PASSIVE VOICE

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

The performers were _____ (give) a standing ovation.

The film will be _____ (direct) by Steven Spielberg.

Spectators are _____ (ask) to switch off their mobile phones.

The actors should have been _____ (award) an Oscar.

Will the performance be _____ (cancel)?

3. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Since it was published, the novel _____ (adapt) for the big screen three times.

Last year, the show _____ (cancel) .

A new theatre _____ (build) at the moment.

Should film stars _____ (pay) so much money?

The audience must _____ (tell) not to talk during the performance.

A new series of Comedy Club _____ (film) next autumn.

How many tickets for the show _____ (sell) so far?

5. Complete the text with the correct active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Saturday Night Live (SNL) is a live late-night television comedy and variety show that (1) _____ was created in the USA. It (2) _____ (run) Since 1975, when the first show

_____ (broadcast) . The show's comedy sketches _____

(perform) by a large cast of actors and comedians. Each episode

_____ (host) by a celebrity guest, who usually _____ (give) an opening monologue and

_____ (perform) sketches with the cast. Over the years, many famous performers

_____ (catapult) into the limelight by *SNL* and _____ (go) on to

achieve great success in film and television. *SNL* _____ (launch) the careers of many talented writers too, who

_____ (give) their first break by the show.

Since it started, *SNL* _____ (receive) many awards, and in 2007 it

_____ (name) as one of the '100 Best TV Shows of all time' by *Time* magazine. Because *SNL* has been so successful, it

_____ (copy) by other countries, who

_____ (develop) their own versions of the show.



4. Rewrite these sentences in the passive.
Omit by + agent where possible.

Steve Coogan presented the Comedy Awards.

Bridget Christie won the £10,000 prize.

They dimmed the lights and they raised the curtain.

The Culture Minister will open the festival.

They shouldn't have given the first prize to that actor.

They've already sold more than a hundred tickets.

The critics didn't review the show very favourably.



**GET OFF
MY STAGE**

VERBS WITH TWO OBJECTS

7. Identify the direct object and the Indirect object in each of these active sentences.

1 They gave the best comedian a prize

Direct object= a prize

Indirect object= the best comedian

3 He told the audience a very funny story.

8. Rewrite the sentences from exercise 7 in the passive in two ways.

1 The best comedian was given a prize.

A prize was given to the best comedian.

3.

4 We will send the concert tickets to you next week.

4.

5 They have given the firm very bad reviews.

5.

6 They will give the award to the director after the show.

6.

7 They should have emailed me the festival programme by now.

7.

8 They paid the star of the show \$ 150,000 for each episode.

8.



CAUSATIVE PASSIVE

9 Complete the sentences with an appropriate form of *have something done* and a verb from the box.

Check cut install paint pierce repair rewrite steal

1 'I couldn't understand what the actors were saying'

'You should have your hearing checked'

2 'The theatre looks great. I love the colours!'

'Yes, we _____ it _____ last year'

3 The owners of the cinema _____ new seats _____ next week.

4 'Look at what he's done to his hair. It's a disaster!'

'He should _____ it _____ by a professional'



5 'Can I borrow your bike?'

'Sorry, I _____ it _____ last night'

6 'You still _____ the washing machine _____!'

'Sorry! I promise I'll have it done soon.'

7 The director didn't like my script, so he _____ it _____ by someone else.

8 Have you ever _____ your tongue _____?