

Day 57. Passive voice_Practice 1

1 Rewrite these sentences in the passive, using the words in brackets.

4.18 Listen and check.

- 0 Harold remembered that his parents had taken him there when he was very young.
(having) *Harold remembered having been taken there when he was very young.*
- 1 I don't like people phoning me late at night.
(being)
- 2 You should complete the form in black ink.
(be)
- 3 We have not tested this product on animals.
(has)
- 4 Having paid for the tickets, we had no choice but to continue.
(been)
- 5 Ibrahim regrets the fact that his parents didn't send him to a better school.
(having)
- 6 You need to wash those sheets.
(washing)
- 7 It was the first palace that the Egyptians built on the east bank of the Nile.
(to)
- 8 The judge ought to have sent him to prison for life.
(been)

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics*. Not all the correct answers are passive. 4.19 Now listen and check.

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The story of Icarus

The story of Icarus is one of the most famous myths (1) *to have/ to have been* preserved from ancient Greek times. Icarus and his craftsman father, Daedalus, were summoned to Crete to work for King Minos. Minos was the wealthiest king in Greece but (2) *had/ was had* a great rival in Theseus, King of Attica.

Having (3) *arrived/ been arrived* in Crete, Daedalus started constructing the famous maze or Labyrinth which contained the terrifying Minotaur, a creature that was half-man and half-bull. Years later, the Labyrinth (4) *having been/ to be* completed, King Minos asked for fourteen Athenian youths (5) *to be/ being* sacrificed to the Minotaur. As Daedalus was himself an Athenian, he was offended by this and (6) *Theseus was decided to help by him/ he decided to help Theseus* to kill the Minotaur.

King Minos was furious to discover that Daedalus had helped his arch enemy and (7) *soldiers were sent to arrest him/ to be arrested soldiers were sent*. But Daedalus and his son had escaped to a secret workshop that (8) *was had by them/ they had* on the cliffs overlooking the sea. There they hatched a plan to escape by flying away. Daedalus made two pairs of wings from eagle feathers. But he made a serious mistake – the feathers were (9) *holding/ held* together by wax. Icarus put on his wings and jumped off the cliff, flying high into the sky. But as he flew higher the heat from the sun melted the wax and Icarus (10) *was plunged/ plunged* to his death in the sea below.