

Passive voice

1 Put into the correct active or passive form.

- 1 She promised him a book.
He
- 2 They will take her to hospital tomorrow.
She
- 3 You cannot expect children to understand these problems.
Children
- 4 No-one has climbed this mountain before.
This mountain
- 5 He disappeared and no-one has seen him again.
He disappeared and
- 6 I was told the latest news by a friend this morning.
A friend
- 7 Have you ever been called a fool before?
Has
- 8 She was recommended a new doctor by her friend.
Her friend
- 9 Were you offered the job I told you about?
Did
- 10 Were you given enough sugar?
Did
- 11 People will show the visitor the new buildings.
The visitor
- 12 Someone will tell you what time the train leaves.
You
- 13 Someone ordered the prisoners to stand up.
The prisoners
- 14 I want someone to answer the phone call.
I want

2 Passive with verbs + preposition. Change these sentences into the passive.

- 1 They will send for you when the boss arrives.
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- 2 He put off the meeting.
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- 3 They picked the students up from the school.
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- 4 Poor John! A drunk driver ran him over.
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- 5 We must go into this matter.
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- 6 Look how well they have brought up those children.
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- 7 Be careful what you say, as they will take down all your words.
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3 Interrogative form. Put these questions into the passive.

- 1 Is somebody picking you up tonight?
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- 2 Did they give up the search after three hours?
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- 3 Did anyone send you the photograph which they promised you?
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- 4 Can we solve the problem?
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- 5 Are you going to tell her the whole truth?
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- 6 Did anyone ask you any questions?
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4 Passive with reporting verbs. Put the following sentences into the passive.

- 1 People claim the Mona Lisa is the world's most famous painting.
The Mona Lisa
- 2 Experts believe it was a portrait of a nobleman.
It is
- 3 They say her smile hides a secret.
Her smile

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- 4 Many believe it is Leonardo's masterpiece.
It is
- 5 Scientists know he was a wonderful engineer too.
He is
- 6 Historians think he was unhappy in old age.
He is
- 7 People think the fire started at about 8 o'clock.
The fire
- 8 They say experts are studying objects from a Spanish ship.
Experts
- 9 They believe the ship was carrying gold bars.
The ship
- 5 Rewrite the sentences in a different way.
- 1 You can only see these particles through a microscope.
These particles
- 2 People are using computers in all kinds of work.
Computers
- 3 You have to keep dangerous chemicals in a safe place.
Dangerous
- 4 You should have left the laboratory unlocked.
The laboratory
- 5 We are unlikely to discover intelligent life on other planets.
Intelligent life
- 6 Three million people watch TV plays every week.
TV plays
- 7 The critics gave the play good reviews.
The play
- 8 A Greek architect is designing the new concert hall.
The new concert hall
- 9 Two million people have already seen the exhibition.
The exhibition
- 10 They are going to knock down the old theatre.
The old theatre

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- 11 They were still painting the walls when I left.
The walls
- 12 An American invented the laser.
The laser
- 13 They ought to mend the roof.
The roof
- 14 Brazil produces large quantities of coffee.
Large quantities
- 6 Rewrite these sentences with the new beginnings.
- 1 No one ever uses this room.
This room
- 2 This building is said to be 2,000 years old.
They
- 3 The teacher made the class stay in after school.
The class
- 4 Was it a monkey that bit your finger?
Was your
- 5 They were mending the road all last week.
All last week the road
- 6 They say the castle is 500 years old.
The castle
- 7 The police ordered the crowds to move on.
The crowds
- 8 No one ever saw him again.
He
- 9 Rembrandt painted this picture.
This picture
- 10 No one ever discovered the identity of the murdered man.
The identity
- 11 Someone is painting our house.
We
- 12 The painters decorated our house last week.
We