

PASSIVE VOICE

73a Re-write the sentences. Use the passive.

- o They should have finished the project ages ago.
The project should have been finished ages ago.
- 1 No one has cleaned the windows for weeks.
- 2 His company made him redundant a year ago.
- 3 The pressures of work were affecting her health.
- 4 The fire fighters put out the fire before it did much damage.
- 5 If it hadn't rained so much, we would have finished the job on time.
- 6 The people at the garage are repairing our car.
- 7 Someone hit him on the head with a heavy instrument.
- 8 I hope they'll choose me for the basketball team.

73b Complete the article. Use the passive form of the verbs in the box.

allow	call	can / understand	define
determine	fight	may / divide	rear
			write

Thousands of books (0) *have been written* about the territorial instinct of animals. Humans are territorial too and when we understand this, some kinds of aggressive behaviour (1) more easily.

Every country is a territory with boundaries which (2) usually clearly Within each country there are smaller territories: counties and cities. Throughout history wars (3) by people protecting the territory in which they live.

However, there are other kinds of territory as well. One such territory (4) 'personal space'. For animals, the size of this space depends on the conditions in which the animal (5) , whether in the wild or in a zoo. For humans, it depends on the density of the population in the place where they grew up. To some extent, the size of an individual's personal space (6) by their culture.

Personal space (7) into four zones: the intimate, personal, social and public zones. The intimate zone extends fifteen to forty-five centimetres from the body. Only close friends and relatives (8) to enter the intimate zone. If a stranger enters it, the individual becomes anxious and may feel threatened.

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74a Re-write the underlined parts of the sentences. Use the passive. Do not include the agent unless it is necessary.

- 0 My new digital camera was faulty so the shop gave me a full refund.
My new digital camera was faulty so *I was given a full refund*
- 1 The children have to be in bed by ten and their parents don't let them use the computer after eight.
The children have to be in bed by ten and
- 2 The car is very dirty and we need to wash it.
The car is very dirty and
- 3 We're travelling by coach and a local guide will show us the sights when we get there.
We're travelling by coach and
- 4 I felt so ill that I took a taxi to the hospital but they made me wait for hours to see a doctor.
I felt so ill that I took a taxi to the hospital but
- 5 She attended the party but they saw her leave shortly after her arrival.
She attended the party but
- 6 He's getting a pay rise and the company has also promised him a bonus.
He's getting a pay rise and
- 7 My grandfather has difficulty walking but a kind passer-by helped him cross the street.
My grandfather has difficulty walking but
- 8 This information is important and you must hand it out to all employees.
This information is important and

74b Re-write the sentences. Use the passive.

- 0 Britain's banks lent nearly £12 billion to successful applicants last year.
Nearly £12 billion *was lent to successful applicants* by Britain's banks last year.
- 1 Unfortunately, banks let many people borrow more money than they can repay.
Unfortunately, many people more money than they can repay.
- 2 Some banks lent people a sum that was more than their annual income.
People that was more than their annual income.
- 3 They gave other loans to people who had no source of income.
Other loans who had no source of income.
- 4 Consumer groups say that both banks and borrowers need to face the problem.
Consumer groups say that the problem by both banks and borrowers.

