

Passive Voice

Transform the active sentences into passive as shown in the example. Use **the same verb tense** as in the original sentence! The examples **in green** are optional. They give you 2 extra points.

1. Shakespeare wrote that play.

That play was written by Shakespeare.

2. Waitresses and waiters serve customers.

Customers _____ by waitresses and waiters.

3. The teacher is going to explain the lesson.

The lesson _____ by the teacher.

4. Shirley has suggested a new idea.

A new idea _____ by Shirley.

5. Bill will invite Ann to the party.

Ann _____ to the party by Bill.

6. Alex is preparing that report.

That report _____ by Alex.

7. Two horses were pulling the farmer's wagon.

The farmer's wagon _____ by two horses.

8. Kathy had returned the book to the library.

The book _____ to the library by Kathy.

9. By this time tomorrow, the president will have made the announcement.

The announcement _____ by the president by this time tomorrow.

10. I didn't write that note. Jim wrote it.

That note _____ by me. It _____ by Jim.



11. Alice didn't make that pie. Did Mrs. French make it?

If this pie _____ by Alice, _____ it _____ by Mrs. French?

12. Does Prof. Jackson teach that course? I know that Prof. Adams doesn't teach it.

I know that the course _____ by Prof. Adams. _____ it _____ by Prof. Jackson?

13. Mrs. Andrews hasn't signed those papers yet. Has Mr. Andrews signed them yet?

Those papers _____ Mrs. Andrews yet. _____ they _____ by Mr. Andrews yet?

14. Is Mr. Brown painting your house?

Is your house _____ by Mr. Brown?

15. His tricks won't fool me.

I _____ by his tricks.

PART II. Change the passive to active.

16. That sentence was written by Omar. Omar _____ that sentence.

17. Our papers are going to be collected by the teacher. The teacher
_____ our papers.

18. Was the electric light bulb invented by Thomas Edison?

_____ Thomas Edison _____ the electric light bulb?

19. The speed limit on Highway 5 isn't obeyed by most drivers.

Most drivers _____ the speed limit on Highway 5.

20. Have you been informed of a proposed increase in our rent by the building owner?

_____ the building owner _____ you of a proposed increase in our rent?

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Use the words in the list to complete these passive sentences.

1. The electric light bulb <u>was invented</u> by Thomas Edison. 2. An island _____ by water. 3. The <i>-ing</i> form of "sit" _____ with a double <i>t</i>. 4. Even though construction costs are high, a new dormitory _____ next year. 5. The class was too large, so it _____ into two sections. 6. A bracelet _____ around the wrist. 7. The Johnsons' house burned down. According to the inspector, the fire _____ by lightning. 8. Al got a ticket for reckless driving. When he went to traffic court, he _____ to pay a large fine. 9. I read about a hunter who _____ accidentally _____ by another hunter. 10. The hunter's fatal accident _____ in the newspaper yesterday. 11. I didn't expect Lisa to come to the meeting last night, but she was there. I _____ to see her. 12. Last week I _____ a job at a local bank, but I didn't accept it. 13. The children _____ in the middle of the night when they heard strange noises in the house. 14. Could you explain this math problem to me? Yesterday in class I _____ by the teacher's explanation. 15. A: Is the plane going to be late? B: No. It _____ to be on time.	build frighten report cause invent spell confuse kill surprise divide offer surround expect charge wear
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