

EXERCISES

1. Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

1. I'm having my hair *cutting/cut/to have cut* tomorrow.
2. The children were *took/taken/taking* to the seaside for the day.
3. I *was sending/sent/send* here by the manager.
4. Kate is having her car *services/servicing/serviced* tomorrow.
5. Sue had her windows *breaking/broken/broke* by vandals.
6. David has been *offer/offering/offered* a new job in Brazil.
7. Where exactly *were you born/did you born/did you bear*?
8. I've just had my bike *repaired/repair/repairing*.
9. I *was given/gave/did give* this book by Emily.
10. This cake *makes/made/was made* for her birthday.
11. Their new house *hasn't been finished/wasn't finished* yet.
12. The robbers *were arrested/have been arrested* as soon as they left the bank.
13. Sue told us her baby *is born/had been born* two weeks earlier than expected.
14. If there is too much snow, the match *has been cancelled/will be cancelled*.
15. By the time we got there, the rain *had stopped/had been stopped*.
16. When *were you told/have you been told* about the new rules?
17. Most of the passengers *were swimming/were swum* easily to the shore.
18. The winning horse *was ridden/was riding* by Pat Murphy.
19. I looked again for the old man, but he *was vanished/had vanished*.
20. I don't think that you *will be asked/are being asked* to show your passport.

2. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable passive form.

1. I'm sorry, madam, but this carpet (already sell) *has already been sold*..
2. The old house on the corner (knock down).....last year.
3. When exactly (John give).....his prize?
4. Most people agree that America (not discover).....by Christopher Columbus.
5. All complaints about products (deal with).....by our customer services department.
6. Police confirmed that the murder weapon (since discover).....in a nearby lake.
7. It (announce).....yesterday that the government has decided not to raise income tax.
8. Good news! I (ask).....to take over as the new manager.
9. I don't believe that this play (write) by Shakespeare.

10. Ann really likes (invite).....to dinner parties.

3. Turn the following sentences into the Passive.

1. The ancient Greeks built the Acropolis.

The Acropolis was built by the ancient Greeks,.....

2. Martin is writing the company report this year.

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3. Somebody will clean the room tomorrow.

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4. They put fresh flowers in the hotel rooms every day.

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5. Bad weather may delay your flight.

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6. They gave Sandy a present.

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7. They think the President is dying.

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8. They made her cry.

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9. The mechanic has repaired the car.

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10. The bomb destroyed the building.

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11. Scientists might discover a cure for cancer.

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12. Someone should help the old woman across the street.

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13. They might have arrested the escaped prisoner.

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14. They should have provided more food at the reception.

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15. They ought to warn the public about him.

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16. They should build more bus lanes.

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17. They could have written the answers more clearly.

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18. The authorities have closed the casino.

19. The clubs have postponed the match.

20. People all over the world speak English.

21. The authorities have opened the new swimming pool.

22. Someone left this purse in the classroom yesterday.

23. The city council has banned traffic from the city centre.

24. People have elected a new government.

25. Someone broke into the flat last week.

4. Turn the following into the Passive in two ways.

1. They gave him a watch when he retired.

He...*was given a watch when he retired.*.....

A watch...*was given to him when he retired.*.....

2. They have offered him the job.

He.....

The job.....

3. She will send you a fax.

You.....

A fax.....

4. They are going to show me a new technique.

I.....

A new technique.....

5. Someone gave her a book.

She.....

A book.....

6. They give the students extra lessons.

The students.....

Extra lessons.....

7. They have shown her the plans for the house.

She