Are you ready to be aggressive about the passive? Find out by dragging & dropping these, correctly:

1.

ACTIVE SENTENCE WORD ORDER:

DRAG & DROP THESE:

_____ _____ _____

PASSIVE SENTENCE WORD ORDER:

_____ _____ _____

Do this before going ahead!

Let's get a few ideas straight, first… CLICK on the pulldown menus, & CHOOSE the right ones…

2. … for an active sentence.: ……

3. … for a passive sentence.: ……

4. a) Try one more ACTIVE. Drag and drop these onto the right lines (one extra!):

bricks In it by built 1986 John with

…… …… , …… …… …… …… …… . EXTRA: ……

b) Now try dragging and dropping these to create a PASSIVE sentence (one extra!):

bricks In it does by built 1986 John with was

…… …… , …… …… …… …… …… …… …… . EXTRA: ……

5. What happens to the verb in the passive? CLICK & CHOOSE: ……

6. TICK the correct informal passive alternative for *to be* for actions that don't involve a long period of time, and/or the *subject* doesn't plan or do: ….. to go | ….. to get | ….. to do

7. Which is the right one? CLICK and CHOOSE: ……

8. In passive sentences, what happens to subjects of active sentences? CLICK and CHOOSE:

……

9. TICK the correct answer: It is obligatory to indicate the doer in a passive sentence. ..... TRUE | ..... FALSE

10. PASSIVE: DRAG and DROP these onto the correct lines. Watch out! There are extras and *at least* one sentence remains an active sentence. (N.B., *DROP lines want their content dropped on their far left.*)

a) employees Red given the Lucy to were telephones EXTRA: .....

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b) by stones policemen James' thrown at hooligans were Some about EXTRA: .....

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c) late her Cheryl with was always briefcase arrived open EXTRA: .....

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d) called Archer's the name by was Mr. clerk down EXTRA: .....

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e) wanted manager to Everyone was be the Donna. EXTRA: .....

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11. THE TRAP. Yes, there's a little trap in the passive. It's called the *statal passive*. Maybe you don't realize it, but you've been using it since almost your first English lessons! It LOOKS like a passive because it uses the verb *to be* & a past participle, BUT that past participle is NOT used as a verb. What is it? TICK:

..... an adverb | ..... an adjective describing a *state of being* | ..... an adjective describing a *state of business*

12. FIGURING OUT THE TRAP. TICK the correct answer:

a. Mike's store was closed by the police, yesterday. "closed" is ..... STATAL PASSIVE |..... PASSIVE

b. Mike's store by the police was closed, yesterday. "closed" is ..... STATAL PASSIVE |..... PASSIVE

12. While it's true that it's better to avoid the passive, there are times when it's desirable, and even necessary. When? TICK the right answer/s:

a. ..... to emphasize the action b. ..... to be polite c. ..... for lively writing

d. ..... to put the important new info at the end for emphasis e. ..... to be mean

f. ..... to be evasive about responsibility g. ..... to force talking about the doer

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