12 The Passive

5 Fill in the correct *passive* form.

Mr Pryce was having some home improvements done. Write what he saw when he went to inspect the work.

1 The windows ..had been cleaned... **(clean)**
2 New curtains ..... **(put up)**
3 The walls ..... **(paint)**
4 Light fittings ..... **(install)**
5 Some furniture ..... **(deliver)**
6 New carpets ..... **(buy)**



6 Turn from *active* into *passive*. Omit the agent where it can be omitted.

1 Someone has broken the crystal vase.
The crystal vase has been broken. (omitted)
2 His parents have brought him up to be polite.
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3 Alexander Bain invented the fax machine.
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4 A famous designer will redecorate the hotel.
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5 They will advertise the product on TV.
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6 The gardener has planted some trees.
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7 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct *passive* tense.

1 A: Those shoes look so comfortable.
B: They ..were made.. **(make)** in Italy.
2 A: Why didn't you fly to Moscow?
B: Because all the flights ..... **(cancel)** due to a snowstorm.
3 A: When ..... **(lunch/serve)**?
B: From 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.
4 A: Who ..... **(the first computer game/invent/by)**?
B: Steve Russell.
5 A: Can I bring my dog?
B: I'm afraid pets ..... **(not/allow)** in the camp.
6 A: Why didn't you come to Helen's party?
B: I ..... **(not/invite)**.

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When we want to find out who or what did something the passive question form is as follows: Who / What ... by?
Who was the TV invented by? **What** was the fire caused by?

8 Using the *passive*, ask questions to which the bold type words are the answers.

1 **Captain Cook** discovered Australia. *Who was Australia discovered by*.....?
2 We keep money **in a safe**. .....?
3 **A bee** stung him. .....?
4 They speak **English** in New Zealand. .....?
5 They have taken **his aunt** to hospital. .....?
6 **The boys** damaged the TV. .....?
7 **Da Vinci** painted the *Mona Lisa*. .....?
8 He invited **30 people** to his party. .....?
9 They grow bananas **in Africa**. .....?
10 Versace designed **these glasses**. .....?

9 Fill in *by* or *with*.

1 The photos were taken ...*with*... a digital camera.
2 *The Green Mile* was written ..... Stephen King.
3 The sauce was made ..... onions and peppers.
4 The room was decorated ..... flowers.
5 *Amelia* was directed ..... Mira Nair.
6 The treasure chest was opened ..... a special key.

10 Turn from *active* into *passive*.

1 You must leave the bathroom tidy. .....*The bathroom must be left tidy*.....
2 You should water this plant daily. .....
3 Our neighbour ought to paint the garage. .....
4 I have to return these books to the library. .....
5 They must pay their phone bill. .....
6 You should lock the front door. .....
7 You must sign these papers. .....
8 He has to deliver the parcel. .....
9 You ought to put your toys away. .....
10 We must protect the environment. .....

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