6 The Passive

10 Turn the following sentences into the *passive*.

1 Scientists might soon discover a cure for cancer. *A cure for cancer might soon be discovered.*
2 Someone should help the old woman across the street. .....
3 The police might have arrested the escaped prisoner. .....
4 They should have provided more food at the reception. .....
5 They should build more bike lanes. .....
6 She could have written the answers more clearly. .....

11 Rewrite the following passage in the *passive*.

Our apartment block is starting a new scheme. We will collect all the old newspapers and tin cans. We will put them in two special containers. When they are full, the council will collect them. They will take them to a factory. The factory will recycle the newspapers and cans into something new.

A new scheme is being started by our apartment block.
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12 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 He is 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 .....
The plans for the house .....
8 They should have given you a receipt.
You .....
A receipt .....

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13 Turn the following into the *passive* as in the example:

1 People expect him to win the race.
He *is expected to win the race.*
It *is expected that he will win the race.*
2 Journalists have reported that the President is away in France.
The President .....
It .....
3 Everyone knows that the statement was untrue.
The statement .....
It .....
4 Many people believe that the climate is changing.
The climate .....
It .....
5 Everyone knows that he has been in a serious car accident.
He .....
It .....
6 Many people say that the new prices are too high.
The new prices .....
It .....
7 They claim that this diamond is the largest in the world.
This diamond .....
It .....

14 Turn the following into the *passive*.

1 I don't like people shouting at me. *I don't like being shouted at.*
2 I remember my parents taking me to the circus. .....
3 I like people giving me presents. .....
4 I love people inviting me to parties. .....

15 Choose the correct answer.

1 The star athlete ..... to win the competition.
A is being expected (B) was expected
C has expected

2 Jam ..... from fruit.
A makes B made C is made

3 A young girl ..... by a firefighter yesterday.
A had rescued B was rescued
C rescued

4 This email should ..... right away.
A to send B send C be sent

5 Life ..... on other planets yet.
A hasn't been found B isn't found
C wasn't found

6 The boy ..... to hospital by an ambulance.
A took B was taken C is taking

7 I don't like ..... what to do.
A to tell B telling C being told

8 A new shopping centre ..... outside the city centre.
A is being built B to be built
C built

9 The new library ..... by the mayor next week.
A is going to be opened B is opening
C is opened

10 The animals at the zoo ..... twice a day.
A being fed B are fed C fed

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