

PASSIVE VOICE EXERCISES

1 Correct (✓) or not (x)?

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| ▶ English is spoken in New Zealand. ✓ | 5 Our car has been stolen. ... |
| ▶ I born in Manchester. ✗ | 6 When is that window broken? ... |
| 1 I was studied German for three years. ... | 7 This book was written from my father. ... |
| 2 Ann invited to a party by her boss. ... | 8 I was given your name by a friend of mine. ... |
| 3 How is written your name? ... | 9 The new road will finished in July. ... |
| 4 'Where's your coat?' 'It's being cleaned.' ... | |

2 Circle the correct answer.

- English *speaks* / *spoken* / *is spoken* in Australia.
- I *studied* / *was studied* French for three years at school.
- We *spent* / *was spent* too much money on holiday.
- This window *broke* / *was broken* by your little boy.
- Her clothes *made* / *are made* in Paris.
- This book *written* / *was written* by my brother.
- The new university *will open* / *will opened* / *will be opened* by the Prime Minister.
- Ann *was driving* / *was driven* much too fast, and she *stopped* / *was stopped* by the police.

REPORTED SPEECH EXERCISES

2 Circle the correct answer.

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| 1 I <i>said</i> / <i>told</i> the driver I wanted to stop. | 5 Eric <i>said</i> / <i>told</i> the waiter he couldn't pay. |
| 2 My mother <i>said</i> / <i>told</i> there was a letter for me. | 6 I didn't <i>say</i> / <i>tell</i> Peter that I was going away. |
| 3 Everybody <i>said</i> / <i>told</i> I looked beautiful. | 7 Nobody <i>said</i> / <i>told</i> me that the shop was closed. |
| 4 Why did you <i>say</i> / <i>tell</i> the lessons were expensive? | 8 Ann <i>said</i> / <i>told</i> that she would wait at the bus stop. |

3 Put the beginnings and ends together, and look at the use of tenses.

1 In 1896 Lord Kelvin said	A aeroplanes were impossible. 1
2 In 1937 Hitler's nephew Willi said	B he would never be a scientist. ...
3 When Columbus got to America he thought	C his uncle was not interested in war. ...
4 When Albert Einstein was 10, a teacher told him	D the sun went round the earth. ...
5 Hundreds of years ago, people believed	E he had reached India. ...

CLAUSES OF PURPOSE AND CONTRAST

Select the correct word.

1. We came in quietly so not to wake the baby.
2. He always beats me at tennis, in of the fact that he never practises.
3. We aren't making a profit, though everyone's working overtime.
4. she's a vegetarian, she often eats fish.
5. I enjoyed the match, the result.
6. She opened her window so she could hear the birds singing.
7. I got there early in to get a good seat.
8. He flew to Geneva a job interview.