

Passive voice

Homework 1

Part I. Change the active to passive.

1. Shakespeare *wrote* that play. → *That play was written by Shakespeare.*
2. Waitresses and waiters *serve* customers.
3. The teacher *is going to explain* the lesson.
4. Two horses *were pulling* the farmer's wagon.
5. Toshi *will invite* Yoko to the party.
6. Alex *is preparing* that report.

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7. Kathy *had returned* the book to the library.
8. Miriam *has designed* several public buildings.
9. His tricks *won't fool* me.
10. I *didn't write* that note. *Did Jim write* it?
11. *Does Prof. Shapiro teach* that course? No, he *doesn't teach* it.
12. Mrs. Andrews *hasn't signed* those papers yet. *Has Mr. Andrews signed* them yet?

Homework 3

Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verbs in the list. Use any appropriate tense.

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1. The electric light bulb _____ by Thomas Edison in 1879.
2. An island _____ by water.
3. The -ing form of *sit* _____ with a double “t.”

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4. Even though construction costs are high, a new dormitory _____ next year.
5. The class was too large last semester, so it _____ into two sections.
6. A bracelet _____ around the wrist.
7. The Johnsons' house burned down. According to the inspector, the fire _____ by lightning.

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8. Al got a ticket for reckless driving. When he went to traffic court, he _____ to pay a large fine.
9. I read about a hunter who _____ accidentally _____ by another hunter.
10. The hunter's fatal accident _____ in the newspaper yesterday.
11. I didn't expect Lisa to come to the meeting last night, but she was there. I _____ to see her.

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12. Last week I _____ a job at a local bank, but I didn't accept it.

13. The children _____ in the middle of the night when they heard strange noises in the house.

14. Could you explain this math problem to me? Yesterday in class I _____ by the teacher's explanation.

15. A: Is the plane going to be late?
B: No. It _____ to be on time.