

# Passive voice

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# 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 was invented 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.