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PASSIVE & CAUSATIVE: same action, different story (B1)

Read the examples and compare the two structures:

PASSIVE VOICE

We use the Passive Voice when we talk about an action, not about who does it.

be + past participle (V3)

Examples:
- *The classroom **is cleaned** every week.*
- *The film **was shown** yesterday.*
- *The test **will be checked** tomorrow.*

Main idea:
✓ The action is important.
❌ Who does it — not important.

CAUSATIVE FORM

We use the Causative when someone does something for us.

have / get + object + past participle (V3)

Examples:
- *I **have** our school photos **taken** every year.*
- *She **had** her room **painted** last summer.*
- *she **will have** her laptop **fixed** tomorrow.*

Main idea:
✓ Someone does the job for you.
❌ You don't do it yourself.

OPEN THE BRACKETS USING THE PASSIVE VOICE OR THE CAUSATIVE

1. The doctor _____ **(to send)** for half an hour ago.

2. He _____ often _____ **(to take)** to the cinema.

3. This letter _____ **(to post)** by mother tomorrow.

4. I _____ my car _____ **(to repair)** yesterday.

5. Tallinn _____ **(to reach)** tomorrow in the evening.

6. The test _____ **(to write)** by the students now.

7. The new words _____ already _____ **(to learn)** by Nick.

8. She _____ her phone _____ **(to fix)** by her brother next week.

9. The letter _____ **(to receive)** yesterday.

10. I _____ my car _____ **(to wash)** every Saturday.

CHANGE FROM THE ACTIVE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE

Use be + past participle (V₃)

1. We use the new dictionary every day.

   _____

2. Mother taught him to walk.

   _____

3. We'll take the children to the cinema.

   _____

4. We met them in the garden.

   _____

5. Look! Jane is washing her dog.

   _____

CHANGE FROM THE ACTIVE INTO THE CAUSATIVE

Use have/get + object + past participle (V₃)

1. The teacher will check our essays tomorrow.

   _____

2. A photographer took my birthday photos.

   _____

3. The dentist cleaned my teeth last Friday.

   _____

4. The tailor is making a new suit for me.

   _____

5. The teacher asked the students to write the answers on the whiteboard.

   _____

Services in Town: Spotting Passive and Causative Structures in Advertisements

Instructions: Read the following advertisements. Identify and differentiate between passive and causative structures.

QUICK PRINT SERVICES

Your Ideas, Printed Perfectly.

High-quality flyers are printed on demand. Have your business cards designed by our expert team. Brochures, posters, and more!

Call: (555) 123-PRINT
From $0.50/page

PHONE FIX PRO

Cracked Screen? We Got You.

Your phone is your life. Get your device fixed fast by certified techs. Battery replacement, screen repair, and more!

(555) 456-FIXIT | Walk-ins Welcome
Screen Repairs from $49!

CONTENT CREATOR STUDIO

Level Up Your Social Game.

Get your content professionally edited and enhanced. Have your videos optimized for TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube. We'll boost your aesthetic!

(555) 789-CREATE
Editing Packages from $20

THE GROOM ROOM

Pawsitively Perfect Pet Grooming.

Your furry friend will be pampered from nose to tail. Have your pet's nails trimmed safely and quickly by our loving staff.

(555) 246-PAWS
Full Groom from $60

FIX-IT-FAST ELECTRONICS

Don't despair, we repair!

All devices are repaired by certified technicians. Have your broken screen replaced in under an hour for only $75! Don't despair, we repair!

⏱ Call: (555) 802-4419
214 Market Street, City Center

SPEEDY EATS DELIVERY

Have your groceries brought right to your door! Your favorite meals are delivered fast. All orders over $25 have free delivery.

Order online: speedy-eats.com
⏰ Open daily: 8:00-22:00

Discussion

With a partner, choose three services from the advertisements that you would use. Explain why you would use these services and what you would have done by them. Use passive and causative structures in your discussion.

Useful Expressions For Discussing Services

• I **was told** that the service is great.

• My computer **was fixed** in one day.

• I need to **get my hair cut**.

• Have you ever **had you car repaired** there?

Extension: Create Your Own Ad

Create a short advertisement for a service you would like to be in your town. Your ad must include at least **one passive structure** and **one causative structure**.

Self-Assessment
Check your understanding.

☐ I can identify passive structures.

☐ I can use the passive voice.

☐ I can identify causative structures.

☐ I can use causative structures.