

Passive voice V – 3

a) Revise these class notes about advanced passive structures:

http://www.ies-modesto-navarro.es/european_section/2_activities/exercises/english4/passive_classnotes_5.htm

b) Complete these sentences in the passive. Click on the question mark to see the correct answer, and change your answer if necessary.

1. They suspect that AstraZeneca has sold vaccines meant for the EU to other countries. (?)

AstraZeneca
meant for the EU to other countries.

2. There is a rumour that one of these countries is the UK. (?)
(Use “rumour” as the introductory verb for this sentence)

The UK one of these countries.

3. We know AstraZeneca had signed a contract with the EU. (?)

A contract
with the EU.

4. They think the European Commission is very upset about this. (?)

The European Commission very upset about this.

5. We all know the EU has invested a lot of money to support the research. (?)

The EU a lot of money to support the
research.

6. We know that AstraZeneca received 336 million euros. (?)

AstraZeneca 336 million euros.

7. They could sue the company for breach of contract. (?)
The company for breach of contract.

8. They claim the company has not issued a statement so far. (?)
The company no statement.

9. We know the British strain is spreading much faster. (?)
The British strain much faster.

10. They say the first cases in Spain were detected in Gibraltar. (?)
The first cases in Spain in Gibraltar.

11. They can't guarantee the vaccine will stop some of the new strains. (?)
The vaccine some of the new strains.

12. They say that Spanish scientists have discovered a very effective treatment. (?)
Spanish scientists a very effective treatment.

13. We know they are testing it on mice and human cells. (?)
It on mice and human cells.

14. The government hopes the new treatment will be available soon. (?)
The new treatment available soon.