

IMPERSONAL PASSIVE

George is very old. **People say*** he's about 100 years old.

Two possibilities:

George is very old. 1) **IT'S SAID** that he is about 100 years old.

2) **HE'S SAID TO BE** 100 years old.

*Believe, consider, expect, know, report, think, understand.

→ In order to **FORM** the second possibility:

1. Take the subject of the second sentence: **He**
2. Passive verb of the Reporting verb in the same tense as in the active: **is said**
3. The verb of the second sentence in the TO-Infinitive form: **to be**

They say she runs 10 miles a day. → **It is said** that she runs 10 miles a day.

→ **She is said to run** 10 miles a day.

They expect that the strike will end soon. → **It is expected** that the strike will end soon.

→ **The strike is expected to end** soon.

→ If the SECOND verb in the PAST, we need a PERFECT INFINITIVE (HAVE+ PAST PARTICIPLE)

The police believe that the thieves **BROKE** the window to get into the house

→ **It is believed** that the thieves broke the window to get into the house.

→ **The thieves are believed to HAVE BROKEN** the window to get into the house.

Police have reported that Peter **caused** the accident.

→ **It has been reported** that Peter caused the accident.

→ **Peter has been reported to HAVE CAUSED** the accident.

→ If the second verb is in continuous form, we need a continuous infinitive (BE + -ING)

They think he is having an affair.

→ **It's thought** that he's having an affair

→ **He is thought to be having** an affair.

NOW CHANGE THESE SENTENCES INTO IMPERSONAL PASSIVE (TWO POSSIBILITIES)

1. Everybody *thinks* that she **sings** beautifully
2. The children *reported* that their friends **were swimming** when they disappeared.
3. People *believed* that they **had killed** the animals during the night.
4. My friends think that my parents are the best parents in the world.
5. They believed that the horse was a present.
6. People are thinking that drugs are very dangerous.
7. They knew that Mr. Brown was stealing iron from the factory.
8. People consider that the team will be classified for the final.
9. Everybody says that he settled the business.
10. The reporters believed that the meeting would finish soon.
11. They have thought the sportsmen are arriving today.
12. Citizens presume that the government is responsible for the accident.
13. They say that the meeting will be held here
14. The hooligans expected that their team would win

THE CAUSATIVE

We use the structure *HAVE / GET (in any tense) + something + past participle* to talk about something which we can't do ourselves or that we have arranged for a professional to do for us.

- I'm having a garage built at the moment.
I'm building the garage myself.
- They repaired their car. (They did it themselves)
They had their car repaired. (They arranged for someone to repair it)
- I cut my hair yesterday. (I cut it myself)
I had my hair cut yesterday. (I went to the hairdresser)
- Are you going to have these shoes repaired or shall I throw them away?
- Where do you have your hair done? It always looks very nice!

We can use GET instead of HAVE in informal style.

1) Fill in the gaps using the **correct tense of have or get** and the words in brackets,

1. She needs to (car/ repair).
2. I'm going at the new hairdresser's (hair/cut).
3. I really must (the central heating/fix).
4. They ought (the broken windows/ replace).
5. I before I dropped it (phone repair).
6. He to his home address yesterday (tickets send).
7. Iif I could afford it (the house redecorate).
8. He onto the train by a porter (bags load).
9. I a fortnight ago (car/service).
10. She (dogs / vaccinate) next Tuesday.

2) Rewrite these sentences using **have** or **get**.

1. The mechanic changed the oil in my car.
2. The hairdresser cut my hair in a completely different style.
3. A decorator has repainted our house.
4. A friend of mine, who's an electrician, is going to repair my DVD player next week.
5. My jacket is being cleaned at a specialist cleaner's.
6. It was Jim's son's birthday yesterday so a chef made him a special cake
7. Laura is getting married in two hours so a hairdresser is doing her hair right now.
8. As her parents were away for the weekend, Mandy had a great party. This afternoon somebody will be cleaning her house, before her parents arrive.

Passive to Active Voice Worksheet

1. The painting was done by Picasso. _____.
2. Dinner is being prepared by Rita. _____.
3. The vase was broken by Tom. _____.
4. The car was washed by David before his date. _____.
5. Next year, engineering will be studied by the students. _____.
6. The sink should be fixed by the plumber tomorrow. _____.
7. Five tickets were reserved by the family. _____.
8. The rooms had been thoroughly cleaned by Mara. _____.
9. Five million dollars were donated by Leonardo DiCaprio. _____.
10. This dress was given to me by my grandmother. _____.
11. The election was won by Donald Trump. _____.
12. It's easy to tell when Julia is annoyed by Mark. _____.
13. My homework was eaten by my dog. _____.
14. The table was reserved by Valerio. _____.
15. The rock that broke the window had been thrown by Steven. _____.