

## **Passive voice**

### **1. Change from active to passive:**

The police arrested the suspect yesterday.

They build new houses in this area every year.

Someone has stolen my wallet.

The teacher corrected all the exams.

They are repairing the bridge at the moment.

The company will launch a new product next month.

People speak English in many countries.

They didn't invite me to the meeting.

Has anybody cleaned the classroom yet?

Did the manager sign the contract?

The storm damaged several trees.

The students were decorating the hall.

They had finished the project before June.

Someone is following us.

The government should reduce taxes.

**2. Choose the correct answer:**

1 A new law on health care (passed / was passed) by the government last month.

2. School uniforms (aren't worn / don't wear) at our school.

3. We (will meet / will be met) you at the station at 10 o'clock.

4. We believe that endangered animals (should be protected / should protect).

5. Notices (have sent / have been sent) to all the members of the club.

6. The offices (were cleaning / were being cleaned) all afternoon.

7. Dave (hadn't finished / hadn't been finished) the exam when the bell rang.

8. Dogs (mustn't take / mustn't be taken) into shops.

**3. Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the active or passive.**

Many people use the Internet, or the Net as it..... (call). Some people consider it as an encyclopedia, which..... (can / use) to get information. However, when it..... (invent), the Internet had a different purpose. Until then, people..... (communicate) by radio and telephone, but these means of communication..... (not consider) safe ways of sending private messages. A

new way of sending private or secret information..... (need). Researchers in the American Defence Department studied the problem, and in 1969 they..... (establish) the Internet. Since then, the Net has grown and changed. In recent years, it ..... (use) for e-mail, shopping and chatting to people all over the world. Millions of people ..... (connect) to it. Perhaps, in the future, phones ..... (replace) entirely by e-mail, but for the time being, there are still many people who prefer to chat on the phone

## REPORTED SPEECH

### 1. Choose the right answer:

#### 1. "I am going to travel abroad."

She said that she ..... travel abroad.

- a. was going to                      b. is going to

#### 2. "Will you visit this evening?"

He asked us if we ..... that evening.

- a. would visit                      b. are visiting

#### 3. "I work in a shop."

She says that she ..... in a shop.

- a. worked                              b. works

#### 4. "The children are watching TV."

Mum said that the children ..... TV.

- a. had watched                      b. were watching

#### 5. "When did the pain begin?"

The doctor asked Sam when the pain ..... .

- a. began                                b. had begun

#### 6. "I must leave at once."

She said that she ..... leave at once.

- a. must                                  b. had to

## **2. Change to reported speech.**

John said, "I am tired."

Mary said, "I bought a new car last week."

Peter said, "I have finished my homework."

Susan said, "I will call you tomorrow."

Tom said, "I was watching TV when you arrived."

Anna asked, "Where do you live?"

The teacher asked, "Have you finished the exercise?"

Mark asked, "Why are you late?"

Sarah asked, "Did you see the new film?"

My mother asked, "What are you doing?"

The doctor said, "Drink more water."

The teacher said, "Open your books."

My father said, "Finish your homework before dinner."

The librarian said, "Don't talk in the library."

The coach said, "Don't give up."

**3. Choose the correct answer.**

1. "We'll be coming to see you later," John (told / said).
2. "Let's go to a film this evening," she (offered / suggested).
3. "It's a busy restaurant. You should reserve a table," Anne (advised / asked) us.
4. "Leave the building at once," (ordered / suggested) the police.
5. "I'm so sorry I didn't write to you," she (apologised / wondered)