

1. Write in the passive.

1. Peter bought the house
2. Mary will bring the wine
3. My friends are repairing the car
4. Most students speak English in this class
5. An elderly couple sheltered her
6. A policeman helped him
7. She finished her work by nine o'clock
8. Nobody can repair this broken chair
9. They carried him into the hospital
10. Are they typing the letters?
11. They have not taken the car into the garage
12. Someone has spilt some milk on the carpet
13. Did anyone answer your question?
14. They showed me the cathedral
15. They told the children to leave the room
16. They allowed her to go to the dining room
17. They didn't tell me the truth
18. Someone will give you a new notebook
19. Someone is teaching him English
20. They had offered me a job
21. Someone has read her the letter
22. Nobody has slept in this bed
23. They looked after the baby
24. They have been looking at her for hours
25. They smiled at the girl as she walked by
26. People speak well of your friend
27. We must look for the key
28. People say that the president will arrive on Monday
29. People think that money is the most important thing in life
30. They thought that he was an artist
31. They think I come from Italy
32. People feared that the criminals would escape
33. People hope that prices won't go up this year
34. People generally assume that the USA is the richest country in the world

2. Write in the active:

1. We are taught grammar by Ms Sullivan.
2. He was praised by the teacher.
3. The injured were taken to the hospital by the firemen.
4. The town was destroyed by an earthquake.
5. The teacher was pleased with the boy's work.
6. The building was damaged by the fire.
7. By whom were you taught French?

8. You will be given a ticket by the manager.
9. The streets were thronged with spectators.
10. We will be blamed by everyone.
11. The trees were blown down by the wind.
12. The thieves were caught by the police.
13. The letter was posted by Alice.
14. We were received by the hostess.
15. The snake was killed with a stick.
16. The minister was welcomed by the people.
17. He was found guilty of murder.
18. This house was built by John Mathews in 1991.

5. Rewrite the sentences in the passive, making the words in italics the subject of the sentence or clause in which they appear.

1. They gave *the oldest councilor* the freedom of the city.
2. They denied *access to the secret documents* to all but a few.
3. Someone showed *the child* how to use the telephone.
4. They declared *him* persona non grata and allowed him only forty-eight hours to leave the country.
5. They gave *him* artificial respiration.
6. Why didn't they offer him the job?
7. Didn't they promise *you* a rise in salary at the beginning of the year?
8. Someone left *him* a legacy of 10.000.
9. When he looked at the stamps, he found they had sold *him* forgeries.
10. What did they pay *you* for doing the job?
11. Someone should tell *him* never to do that again.
12. They asked *you* to meet me here at 11 o'clock, not half past.
13. Will someone send *me* the details?
14. We shall send you *the goods* as soon as they are available.
15. Someone must teach *that boy* a lesson!

7. Rewrite these sentences in an alternative passive form, beginning your sentences with the words in italics.

1. It is said that *he* is an honest, hard-working man.
2. It is considered that *this surgeon* is a brilliant practitioner.
3. It is now thought that *some redundancy in the Midlands* is inevitable.
4. It was proved that *the statements he had made* were false.
5. It was understood that *Mr Smith* was willing to meet the British Prime Minister.
6. It is believed that *the Chancellor* is thinking of imposing special taxes to raise extra revenue.
7. It is expected that *the electricity supply industry* will be running into surplus capacity by next year.
8. It is reported that *several American motor manufacturers* are planning to set up assembly plants overseas.
9. It is expected that *the brewers* will raise the price of beer in the near future.

10. It was claimed that *the drug* produced no undesirable side-effects.
11. It is said that *the police* acted with great restraint, despite provocation.
12. It was alleged that *the Prime Minister* had misled the House
13. It is believed that *the Government* has had second thoughts on this problem.
14. It was believed that *the explosion* had been caused by a mine.
15. It is presumed that *the ship's radio equipment* was put out of the action during the fire.
16. It was later admitted that *the information* had been obtained from unreliable sources.

4. 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. The town hall has just been rebuilt for the council.

5. More Active to Passive

1. People do not often invite me to parties.
2. Careless driving causes many accidents.
3. How do you pronounce this word?
4. Somebody cleans this room every day.
5. They cancelled all flights because of fog.
6. Somebody accused me of stealing money.
7. Somebody warned us not to go out alone.
8. We must do something about this.
9. We could hear the music from a long way away.

10. Somebody should have cleaned the room.
11. Somebody is using the computer at the moment.
12. They had postponed the meeting.
13. They were building a new ring road around the city.
14. They have built a new hospital near the airport.
15. I don't like people telling me what to do.
16. Steve hates people keeping him waiting.
17. We will give you plenty of time to decide.
18. Has anybody shown you the new machine?
19. How much will they pay her for her work?
20. I think they should have offered Tom the job.
21. They asked me some difficult questions at the interview.
22. Nobody told me anything about the change of the meeting.
23. Everybody expects that the weather will be good tomorrow.
24. The government report that many people are homeless after the floods.
25. They alleged that the man was driving at 110 mph.
26. They are encouraging young people to continue their studies.