

1. Rephrase the following sentences by means of the passive.

1. Everybody wears practical clothes.

2. Designers have followed the trends.

3. You may hurt someone with that hammer.

4. He told the children a beautiful story.

5. We have proved our point.

6. Will you read this book?

2. Rephrase the sentences in two ways.

1. He gave Celia a bouquet of 25 roses.

2. John will send his curriculum vitae to several banks.

3. She has written him beautiful love letters.

4. They showed me the new computer.

5. They have paid him \$300 up to now.

6. He had told the children a beautiful story.

PASSIVE VOICE – EXERCISES: Put these sentence into the passive!

1) Penguin readers published this book in 1990.

2) Susan informs Mary about the test results.

3) They could not do the exercises on their own.

4) The Smiths are going to invite the Taylors on Christmas Eve.

5) The Burglars have stolen the paintings by Picasso.

6) We will not treat the dogs badly.

7) Susan brushes her teeth before having breakfast.

8) Rachel sews skirts for her children.

9) Tim mowed the lawn for his dad.

10) Mothers hopefully will not do the home-exercises for their children.

11) They had founded a company on their own.

12) Unfortunately, she has disappointed her boyfriend.

13) My uncle bought a house in Scotland.

14) Zoe always does her home-exercise immediately after school.

15) Paula had studied the map of London carefully.

Read the following article and fill the gaps with the **active** or **passive** form of the verbs in brackets.

Martin Webb _____(work) for the Reuters News Agency for ten years.
He describes the company. "Reuters is one of the world's biggest news agencies.
It _____(supply) news and stock market prices to media and financial
institutions all over the world. It _____(start) by Paul Reuter in
1849 - with pigeons!

Reuter _____(be) born in 1816 in Germany. During the 1840's he _____
_____ (employ) as a bank clerk in Berlin. German bankers _____
_____ (need) to know the price on the Paris stock exchange, but the
French telegraph system only went as far as Belgium. From there the
information _____(send) to Germany by train. The journey _____
_____ (take) nine hours. The same information _____(carry)
by Paul Reuter's pigeons in only two hours!"

MIXED ACTIVE & PASSIVE VOICE

1. Underline the best option:

1. The book **was published/published** in 2010.
2. My parents **will lend/will be lent** me some money to buy a new car.
3. It **is said/says** that some sports involve serious risks.
4. Lots of workers **have been made/have made** redundant as a result of the crisis.
5. My father **was bought/ bought** me a CD.
6. Fewer letters **are written/write** nowadays.
7. The TV presenter **has been made/has made** lots of mistakes today.
8. Where **are you being lived/are you living**?
9. My children **are liked/like** pasta.
10. Emails **are sent/send** more and more.

3. Say if the sentences are Right or Wrong. Correct the mistakes.

1. It is believed that he to be a millionaire.

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2. My father is worked in an office.

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3. The actor's contract has been expired.

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4. Pam got her nails do yesterday.

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6. Is lunch being cooked by he?

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7. Candy can't be teach. She never listens!

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4. Put the verb in bracket in the correct active/passive voice & tense.

1. The watch I'll take it to the watchmaker (break).

2. Someone at you. Do you know him? (look)

3. The stain on my coat (remove).

4. The criminal (catch) yesterday.

5. REM a compilation album (release)

6. This castle in 1639 (build).

7. Maryme a nice birthday present last year (give).

8. These laptops in China (make).

9. The plane (just/ land).

10. Something strange to Susan this morning (happen).