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English 11°

PASSIVE VOICE

1- Transform these sentences from active to passive.

- a- Julia rescued three cats.
Three cats were rescued by Julia.
- b- The students handed in the reports.
- c- Alex learned the poem.
- d- The mechanic has not repaired the DVD recorder.
- e- Sue puts the rucksack on the floor.
- f- The teacher is not going to open the window.
- g- She bought four apples.
- h- The police arrested my uncle.
- i- The dog bit the old lady.
- j- They sing the song.

2- Put in the correct form of the verb in Passive into the gaps. Use the verb and the tense given in brackets.

- a- The words **are explained** by the teacher today. (To explain – Simple Present)
- b- We _____ a letter the day before yesterday. (To send – Simple Past)
- c- This car _____. It's too old. (Not / To steal – Future with Will)
- d- This street _____ because of snow. (Already / To close - Present Perfect)
- e- A new restaurant _____ next week. (To open – Future with Will)
- f- He _____ to the party yesterday. (To invite – Simple Past)

- g- The blue box _____. (Can / Not / To see – Simple Present)
- h- I _____ the book by my friend last Sunday. (To give – Simple Past)
- i- The dishes _____ by my little brother. (Not / To wash – Present Perfect)
- j- I _____ by Robert. (Not / To ask – Future with Will)

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).

Reuters News Agency

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!"

INDIRECT SPEECH

Exercise 1: Report the following sentences.

Don't look at people like that!' -She told me.....

- 2) 'I have never used bad language before.' -He claimed.....
- 3) 'I won't pay back all my debts in ten years'. -My father said.....
- 4) 'Read the instructions carefully before beginning the test.' -The teacher told the class.....
- 5) 'We decided to take longer holidays than last year.' -She said.....
- 6) 'I'm not going to let you ruin your life'. -My mum announced.....
- 7) 'Don't drive over 50 mph on this road.' -The police officer ordered the careless driver.....
- 8) 'And I want to stay here for two months.' -She added.....
- 9) 'Could you give me a hand with the cleaning, please?' -My sister asked me.....
- 10) 'I was arguing with my boyfriend until 11 o'clock at night'. -Barbara admitted.....

Exercise 2: TURN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS INTO REPORTED SPEECH.

- 1) 'Did you go to Bill's party last night?' asked Mark.
- 2) 'Have you ever been to Italy?' she asked me.
- 3) 'Will you drive me to work today?' Carla asked Richard.
- 4) 'Do you like reading the cartoons section of the newspaper?' Brad asked Susan.

- 5) 'Where does he live?' he wondered.
- 6) 'When did you graduate from university?' Laura asked Tanya.
- 7) 'Do you know how to use the internet?' our teacher asked us.
- 8) 'Can I go to the cinema this weekend?' she asked her mother.
- 9) 'Why is he so late for our appointment?' Sara wondered.
- 10) 'How old were you when you first travelled on an aeroplane?' Sally asked me.
- 11) 'Will you take the dog for a walk?' asked Fred.
- 12) 'Where did you go on Saturday night?' Paul asked Tina.

Exercise 3: Match what somebody says to you (on the left - which is the opposite of what they said before) with your answers (on the right).

1- "That restaurant is very expensive"

2- "Ann is coming to your party"

3- "I know lots of people"

4- "I have seen this film before"

5- "I'll tell your girlfriend your little dirty secret"

- a. Is she? I thought you said that she wasn't coming to my party
- b. Is it? But you said it was cheap
- c. Do you? But you told me that you didn't know anyone!
- d. Will you? But you promised you wouldn't tell it!
- e. Have you? I thought you said that you hadn't seen this film

Exercise 4: The following ideas are direct speech. Change these commands into reported speech.

1. Don't tell anyone what happened yesterday!

He told me

2. Stay in bed till you feel a bit better!

He told me

3. Don't wait for me if I'm late!

He told me

4. Don't forget me even if you marry Joe!

He told her

5. Don't make me any personal question!

He told me

6. Speak a bit louder or I won't understand you!

He told me

Exercise 5: The following ideas are direct speech. Change these REQUESTS into reported speech.

1. Can you open your bag, please? **He asked me to open my bag**

2. Could you repeat what you said?

3. Do you think you could give me a hand, Tom?

4. Would you mind not making so much noise?

5. Will you marry me, John?

6. Please slow down!