



Extra exercises on the passive voice

Review of the passive voice

Tempo	Forma attiva	Forma passiva
Present simple	Jane invites Tom to her party.	Tom is invited by Jane to her party.
Present continuous	My dad is washing the car.	The car is being washed by my dad.
Past simple	Shakespeare wrote <i>Hamlet</i> .	<i>Hamlet</i> was written by Shakespeare.
Past continuous	She was cleaning the house.	The house was being cleaned .
Present perfect	They have opened a new shop.	A new shop has been opened .
Past perfect	They had stolen a computer.	A computer had been stolen .
Future simple	Tom will cut the grass.	The grass will be cut by Tom.
Present conditional	I would buy that house.	That house would be bought by me.
Modals	We must eat that meat soon. They can borrow our books.	That meat must be eaten soon. Our books can be borrowed by them.

1 While reading the following pieces of news, fill in the blanks with the correct passive form.

- The body of a young woman (find) floating in the river Thames yesterday afternoon.
- The Science Museum, which (establish) in 1980, (open) next Saturday after some restoration work.
- Toronto (name) 'most youthful' city in the world according to a recent survey.
- Mothers (ask) about 300 questions a day, study finds.
- A famous painting by Vincent Van Gogh (steal) from the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam in 2002.

2 Use the passive voice to write questions for the following answers.

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 The bank was robbed last week.
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 No, pets are not allowed in this hotel.
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 Coffee is grown in Brazil.
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 He was elected because of his successful campaign.
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 The road has been closed for a month.
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 The conference was cancelled because the lecturer was ill.



3 Transform the sentences into the passive voice and omit the agent when unnecessary.

1 Somebody will have to provide safety instructions.

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2 They could not find the money.

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3 A human error caused the accident.

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4 I am renovating the house.

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5 They taught us English at school.

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6 They had cleaned the room before we arrived.

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7 They aren't going to publish the book.

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8 A supervisor was interviewing a candidate.

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