

PRACTICE 1

Put the following sentences into the passive (Omit the agent where possible)

1 We need fresh air to breath.

Fresh air is needed to breathe.

2. We need clean water to drink.

3. Healthy food provides us with energy.

4. People have abused this planet.

5. Smoke and gases may damage our lungs.

6. Tiny hair in our noses stop larger pieces of dirt from getting into our bodies.

7. Acid rain damages even buildings, statues, and monuments.

8. The English government made a law to stop burning smoky coal in towns.

PRACTICE 2

Finish the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1 Rory proposed a seminar about the environment.

A seminar about the environment was proposed by Rory.

2 Rory, Daphne, and Henry gave a presentation to a group of students and teachers.

A presentation _____

3 They have started a campaign.

A campaign _____

4 Their professors are going to support them.

They _____

5 They will plant new trees in the garden.

New trees _____

6 They can do their presentations at other schools, too.

Their presentations _____

7 The other children in the school are going to write a project about the environment.

A project _____

8 They have put recycling bins in every dormitory and study room.

Recycling _____

PRACTICE 3

Rewrite the following questions in the passive voice.

1 What should we do to save our wild plants and animals?

What should be done to save our wild plants and animals?

2 Do waste chemicals from factories kill plants, insects and fish?

3 Have people put sewage into rivers and the sea?

4 Did people fill ponds and ditches to make new land for buildings and farms?

5 Are people clearing land for building new roads, houses, shops, and factories?

6 Had they collected grass cuttings and dead leaves?

PRACTICE 4

Read the article from the "Flash Forward", a popular science magazine and fill in the gaps. Use the verbs in the correct form (active or passive voice)

What will the cars 1 be (be) like in the future?

With the environmental liabilities of a gasoline infrastructure, the future automobile market 2 _____ (dominate) by electric-drive technologies. Consumers 3 _____ (have) a choice of clean and efficient vehicle technologies: a truly "zero-polluting" hydrogen fuel cell, a battery charged from an electricity grid or their own photovoltaic cells, or a small, very clean, and efficient internal combustion engine 4 _____ (use). Whether we 5 _____ (achieve) our vision in the next quarter century is dependent on government and public support for these technologies over the next half-decade.

PRACTICE 5

Put "by" or "with" in the blanks

- 1 The environment has been abused by people.
- 2 This cake was made _____ fresh strawberries.
- 3 Many rivers are being damaged _____ pollution.
- 4 This poem was written _____ Shakespeare.
- 5 The seeds were covered _____ a very thin layer of soil.
- 6 The garden was planted _____ wild flowers.
- 7 "Whenever-wherever" was composed _____ Shakira.
- 8 A diet pasta is cooked _____ olive oil.

PRACTICE 6

Complete the second Sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.

- 1 People say that Prof Gramworth is the best wizard in the world. **said**
It is said that Prof Grammore is the best wizard in the world.
- 2 They believe that Rory will win the first prize. **is**
It _____ win the first prize.
- 3 You can recycle garbage at home. **recycled**
Garbage _____ at home.
- 4 It is known that owls sleep during the day. **sleep**
Owls _____ during the day.
- 5 This boy is following me around. **followed**
I am _____ this man.
- 6 People know that cheetahs are the fastest animals on earth. **known**
Cheetahs _____ the fastest animals on earth.
- 7 They were painting the house when I visited them. **was**
The house _____ when I visited them.
- 8 Your car needs washing. It's very dirty. **washed**
Your car _____ . It's very dirty.
- 9 It's said that he lives in Japan. **to**
He _____ in Japan.
- 10 We are getting someone to plant some flowers in the garden. **planted**
We _____ in the garden.