

EXERCISE 1: Turn the sentences from active to passive voice.

1. The Government is planning a new road near my house.
2. My grandfather built this house in 1960.
3. The cleaner has cleaned the office.
4. He had written three books before 1867.
5. By this time tomorrow we will have signed the deal.
6. The traffic might have delayed Jimmy.
7. Everybody loves Mr Brown.
8. Somebody has drunk all the milk!
9. The company employs 10 people.
10. I had cleaned all the windows before the storm.
11. At six o'clock someone was telling a story.
12. You must wash coloured clothes separately.
13. Nobody has seen them since July.
14. Many parents influence their children strongly.
15. They are going to buy a new TV set next week.

EXERCISE 2: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct passive form.

1. Polar bears _____ for their fur. (hunt)
2. A lecture _____ in the main hall at the moment. (give)
3. Her ankle _____ when she fell down. (hurt)
4. She thinks her car _____ by someone she knows. (steal)
5. The dustbins _____ recently. (empty)
6. The apartment _____ last week. (sell)
7. Nurses really ought _____ more than they are. (pay)
8. Your free gift _____ to you in the next few days. (send)
9. I wish _____ how to use a computer when I was at school. (teach)
10. The music must _____ by 12 o' clock at the latest. (turn down)
11. Human bones _____ by archaeologists yesterday. (find)
12. My car _____ at the moment, so I can't give you a lift. (repair)
13. The new school _____ by the mayor next week. (open)
14. Hopefully, all forms of discrimination _____ by the end of this century. (wipe out)
15. His wound _____ yet. (treat)

EXERCISE 3: Turn the sentences from active into passive voice in 2 ways.

1. They offered the job to Simon.
2. I sent the email to John.
3. I asked the question to David.
4. John gave a bar of chocolate to Jill
5. Fiona told the truth to Julian.
6. The manager gave them a discount.
7. The boss showed the new computer to Anna.
8. He promised us a better salary.
9. The waiter has not brought us the coffee.
10. They wrote her a postcard.

EXERCISE 4: Choose *by* or *with* to complete the sentences.

1. This suit was designed _____ Armani.
2. "Carmen" was composed _____ Bizet.
3. This cake is filled _____ fresh cream.
4. I'm afraid these windows weren't cleaned _____ warm water and detergent.
5. The coat was lined _____ fur.
6. Who was Australia discovered _____ ?
7. Sneakers are worn _____ young people all over the world.
8. The painting in the National Gallery was damaged _____ a knife.
9. The food will be provided _____ caterers.
10. Ford cars are made _____ experts.
11. The stew was flavoured _____ garlic.
12. Which dictionaries are used _____ your students?
13. All hotel rooms are tidied up _____ our staff every morning.
14. The baby was covered _____ a blanket.
15. The Royal Wedding was watched _____ millions.

EXERCISE 5: Turn the following questions from active to passive voice.

1. Do they make cars in Italy?
2. Will the prime minister inaugurate the new bridge?
3. Is a doctor going to examine you?
4. Did they catch the thief?
5. How did your host family treat you?
6. Why has the government banned the film?
7. Would ballroom dance classes interest you?
8. Who invited you?
9. Who has broken the glass?
10. What is annoying him?
11. Who will take notes?
12. What motivates you?
13. What had inspired her?
14. Whom did she choose?
15. Whom will they select?

EXERCISE 6: Rewrite each sentence using a passive gerund.

1. He hates people telling him what to do.
2. The baby likes her mother holding her.
3. They're afraid of someone attacking them because the neighborhood is dangerous.
4. The students don't look forward to the teacher testing their math skills.
5. Rabbits live in fear of a fox or a large bird eating them alive.
6. He worries about someone stealing his bicycle.
7. Jane hates her boss asking her to stay late at work.
8. Forced to give up his driver's license, my dad doesn't like me driving him around town.
9. She objects to people interrupting her during meetings.
10. The manager insists on the staff completing the report by Friday.
11. Having finished the report, she left the office.
12. Having repaired the bridge, the engineers reopened the road.
13. The CEO celebrated having signed the merger agreement without any problems.
14. Having completed the experiment, the team published the results.
15. The pilot apologized for having delayed the flight due to weather.