Rephrasing Passive Voice

A. From active to passive

- 1. No one is using that room at the moment.
- 2. They had finished preparations by the time the guests arrived.
- 3. Few people have climbed this mountain before.
- 4. My grandmother grew vegetables in the garden.
- 5. Is she killing her dogs?
- 6. He was hanging out the clothes when it started to rain.
- 7. When will the waiter bring the food?
- 8. Who wrote this letter?
- 9. I have finished the work.
- 10. You don't have to pay this bill until next week.
- 11. Did they take your aunt to hospital in an ambulance?

B. From passive to active

- 1. The best cream cakes are made by Sayers.
- 2. By the end of the party all the food had been eaten.
- 3. My glasses must have been thrown away by mistake.
- 4. Who was the television invented by?
- 5. She was heard complaining about the new timetables.
- 6. A new shopping centre is being built on the outskirts of town.
- 7. The awards will be presented by Tom Hanks.
- 8. Was the car taken to the garage yesterday?
- 9. Has the car been repaired yet?
- 10. The victim had been poisoned

C. Verbs with two objects (impersonal subject and personal subject)

- Sharon hasn't given the news to Paul. The news Paul
- I have already sent all my friends my new e-mail address. My new My friends

- 3. I won't tell them your secret.
- 4. They handed the actress an Oscar.
- 5. They will give the winners flowers.
- 6. I think they should have offered Tom the job.
- 7. Did they give you the money?
- 8. Has anyone ever called you an idiot before?

D. Passive with reporting verbs (impersonal passive)

- People know that she is a good swimmer. It She
- People believed that nuclear power stations were dangerous. It Nuclear power stations
- Everybody supposes that the crisis will last too long. It The
- The lecturer thought that Columbus never realized that he had discovered America. It

Columbus

- 5. We consider that she was the best opera singer in the world. It She
- People expect that the Home Secretary will resign after the scandal. It

The Home Secretary

- They believe he is having an affair. It He
- People said that Mr.Bond was having financial difficulties. It Mr. Bond

C. Causative

- 1. The mechanic changed the oil in my car.
- 2. The hairdresser is going to cut my hair in a different style.
- 3. A decorator has repainted our house.
- 4. An electrician will repair my DVD player next week.
- 5. The dentist is taking my sister's tooth out.
- 6. The doctor took my dad's blood pressure.
- 7. Did the mechanic repair Paul's motorbike?
- 8. When will they deliver Dan's sofa?
- 9. Can't you get someone to do the translation?
- 10. A birthday party is being organized for me by my friends

D. Passive with verbs + preposition

- 1. They will send for you when the boss arrives.
- 2. He put off the meeting.
- 3. They picked the students up from the school.
- 4. Poor John! A drunk driver ran him over.
- 5. We must go into this matter.
- 6. Look how well they have brought up those children.
- 7. Be careful what you say, as they will take down all your words.

Passive

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