

the passive voice

1. Write the verbs in brackets in the right tense. All of them must be in the **passive**.

e.g.: We _____ (offer) the job, but we refused.

We were offered the job, but we refused.

- a. The children _____ (take) to the zoo next week.
- b. She _____ (wake) by a strange noise, but she didn't get up.
- c. My house _____ (build) in 1990.
- d. The supermarket _____ (open) last week.
- e. Today, the dog _____ (take) to the vet by his owner
- f. The exams _____ (mark) by the teacher this afternoon.
- g. "Don Quixote" _____ (write) by Cervantes.
- h. My keys _____ (find) in the street last Monday.
- i. The bank _____ (rob) this week.
- j. The robbers _____ (arrest) five hours later.

2. Rewrite these sentences in the **passive** or the **active voice**.

e.g.: She was shocked by the accident

The accident shocked her.

- a. My father will buy a new car next year.

- b. The students were given 15 minutes for the test.

- c. This restaurant is owned by English people.

- d. The children were given some toys by their parents.

- e. His girlfriend is going to buy him a car.

- f. Tourists are paying a lot of money.

- g. They built this house in 1900.

- h. Parents always love their children.

- i. The film was produced by Spielberg.

j. Nobody told me the truth.

3. Rewrite these sentences. Write a passive sentence instead of using “**somebody**”, “**they**” or “**people**”.

e.g.: Somebody asked me the way to the bus station.

I was asked the way to the bus station.

a. They cancelled our flight because of the storm.

b. English people drink a lot of tea.

c. Someone broke my cup.

d. People warned us about pickpockets.

e. In Mexico, they cook meat very hot.

f. Somebody is building a hut in that hill.

g. People often ask me where I buy my clothes.

h. They have given me three tickets.

i. Somebody is going to buy this house soon.

j. They will arrest him sooner or later.

4. Use the words in brackets to complete these sentences. Use the structure “**to have something done**”.

e.g.: We _____ (our house / paint) next summer.

We are going to have our house painted next summer.

a. I have lost my key. I'll have to _____ (another key / make).

b. Your hair is a mess. You should _____ (your hair / cut).

c. The floor is very dirty. Why don't you _____ (it / clean)?

d. My father's car is not working very well. He _____ (it / service) tomorrow.

e. Many young people today _____ (their nose / pierce).

- f. She has got a bad toothache. She _____ (it / remove) in a week.
- g. Summers are very hot in Spain. Many people _____
(swimming pools / build) in their gardens.
- h. My office needs a change. I _____ (it / redecorate) in the spring.
- i. I _____ (my house / clean) once a week.
- j. They _____ (their computers / repair) today.

5. Arrange the words to form correct sentences

e.g.: by my birthday my cake was mother made.

My birthday cake was made by my mother.

- a. on the were lights by turned me

- b. she offered new a been has job

- c. book published be the will month next

- d. sister going interviewed is to be my

- e. students asked by the were headmaster the

- f. they given some by their were parents money

- g. has nobody told been

- h. we them have helped by been

- i. all by film the watched children was the

- j. the has sold house been
