

1. WRITE THESE SENTENCES IN THE PASSIVE VOICE

1. Mr Adams teaches Philosophy to the students
2. My parents are painting my house
3. Mrs Parson is watering the plants at the moment.
4. These children broke the window with a stone
5. The colonel has written a letter to his wife
6. The boss dismissed John yesterday
7. They grow rice in China
8. Some thieves stole that famous painting
9. Shakespeare wrote *Hamlet*
10. They will elect a woman president next year
11. Mary took her car to the garage yesterday
12. The government should pass a law against pollution
13. Everyone in our school knows her well
14. The school doesn't allow smoking
15. Do they clean the hotel rooms every day?
16. They put her in prison for life
17. We will call you when your turn comes
18. Did they invite you to the grand opening?
19. Mary will bring the wine
20. My friends should be repairing the car
21. Most students must speak English in this class
22. An elderly couple could shelter her
23. A policeman would help him
24. She had finished her work by nine o'clock
25. Nobody can repair this broken chair
26. They had to take him to the hospital
27. Are they typing the letters?
28. They have not taken the car into the garage
29. Someone has spilt some milk on the carpet
30. They ordered the children to leave the room
31. They allowed her to go to the dining room
32. They didn't tell me the truth
33. Someone will give you a new notebook
34. Someone is teaching him English
35. They had offered me a job
36. Someone has read her the letter
37. They smiled at the girl as she walked by
38. They say Peter is 117 years old!
39. People say that the president will arrive on Monday
40. They thought that he was an artist

2. Rewrite the sentences in the passive, making the words in italics the subject of the sentence or clause in which they appear.

1. They made *him* president of the company.
2. A taxi took *me* to the airport.
3. Someone showed *the child* how to use the telephone.
4. His mother gave *him* an apple from the box.
5. The company didn't offer *him* the job
6. Someone robbed *him* of his wallet.
7. When he looked at the stamps, he found they had sold *him* forgeries.
8. What did they pay *you* for doing the job?

9. Someone should tell *him* never to do that again.
10. They asked *you* to meet me here at 11 o'clock, not half past.
11. Will someone send *me* the results?
12. We shall send you *the goods* as soon as they are available.
13. Someone must teach *that boy* a lesson!

3. WRITE THE FOLLOWING PASSIVE SENTENCES IN THE ACTIVE VOICE

1. English is spoken here *We speak English here*
2. This house was built in 1900
3. Your life will be changed by this job
4. My brother may be given the car tonight
5. Their guests were shown some photographs of the trip
6. This room is going to be redecorated soon
7. This theatre is being closed for security reasons
8. This room hasn't been cleaned!

4. HAVE SOMETHING DONE (= GET SOMETHING DONE)

1. At the moment Trevor (his hair/cut)
2. Last week Mike(car/repair)
3. At the moment Melissa(her photo/take)
4. Yesterday David(his house/paint)
5. Rachel(her room/decorate)
6. Yesterday Monica(her cooker/install)
7. Mark(his suits/clean) right now.

5. USE HAVE SOMETHING DONE TO REWRITE THE SENTENCE

1. George's nose was broken in a fight. He.....
2. All my money was stolen on a train. I
3. Fred's hat was blown off in the wind. Fred.....
4. Jill's papers were taken from him at the police station. Jill.....
5. Molly's window was broken yesterday. Molly.....

8. WRITE A SENTENCE WITH THE SAME MEANING. USE THE PASSIVE VOICE

1. People should send their complaints to the head office.
Complaints.....
2. They had to postpone the meeting because of illness.
The meeting.....
3. Somebody might have stolen your car if you had left the keys in it.
Your car.....
4. An electrical fault could have caused the fire.
The fire.....
5. They are going to hold next year's congress in San Francisco.
Next year's congress.....
6. They shouldn't have played the football match in such bad weather.
The football match

KEY

1. Write these sentences in the passive voice.

1. Students are taught Philosophy by Mr. Adams / Philosophy is taught by Mr. Adams to the students
2. My house is being painted by my parents
3. The plants are being watered by Mrs. Parson at the moment
4. The window was broken by these children with a stone
5. The colonel's wife has been written a letter (by the colonel) / A letter has been written to the colonel's wife (by the colonel)
6. John was dismissed by the/ his boss yesterday
7. Rice is grown in China
8. That famous painting was stolen by some thieves
9. Hamlet was written by Shakespeare
10. A woman will be elected president next year
11. The car was taken to the garage by Mary yesterday / Mary's car was taken to the garage yesterday
12. A law against pollution should be passed by the government
13. She is well known in our school
14. Smoking is not permitted by the school
15. Are the hotel rooms cleaned every day?
16. She was put in prison for life
17. You will be called when your turn comes
18. Were you invited to the grand opening?
19. The wine will be brought by Mary
20. The car should be being repaired by my friends
21. English must be spoken by most students in this class
22. She could be sheltered by an elderly couple
23. He would be helped by a policeman
24. The work had been finished (by her) by nine o'clock
25. This broken chair can't be repaired (by anybody)
26. He had to be taken to the hospital
27. Are the letters being typed by them?
28. The car hasn't been taken into the garage
29. Some milk has been spilt on the carpet
30. The children were ordered to leave the room
31. She was allowed to go to the dining room
32. I wasn't told the truth / The truth wasn't told to me
33. You will be given a new notebook
34. He is being taught English / English is being taught to him
35. I have been offered a job
36. She has been read the letter / The letter has been read to her
37. The girl was smiled at as she walked by
38. It is said that Peter is 117 years old / Peter is said to be 117 years old
39. It is said that the president will arrive on Monday / the president is said to arrive on Monday
40. He was thought to be an artist / It was thought that he was an artist

2. Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice

1. He was made president of the company
2. I was taken to the airport by a taxi
3. The child was shown how to use the telephone
4. He was given an apple by his mother from the box
5. He wasn't offered the job by the company
6. He was robbed of his wallet
7. When he looked at the stamps, he found he had been sold forgeries

8. What were you paid for doing the job?
9. He should be told never to do that again
10. You were asked to meet me here at 11 o'clock, not half past
11. Will I be sent the results?
12. The goods shall be sent to you as they are available
13. That boy must be taught a lesson

3. Write the following passive sentences in the active voice

1. They built this house in 1900
2. This job will change your life
3. The mechanic / they / He may give my brother the car tonight / The mechanic may give the car to my brother tonight
4. They showed their guests some photographs of the trip
5. They will redecorate this room soon
6. They are closing this theatre for security reasons
7. He hasn't cleaned this room

4. HAVE SOMETHING DONE

1. At the moment, Trevor is having his hair cut
2. Last week Mike had his car repaired
3. At the moment, Melissa is having her photo taken
4. Yesterday David had his house painted
5. Rachel is having /had / has had her room decorated
6. Yesterday Monica had her cooker installed
7. Mark is having his suits cleaned right now

5. Use HAVE SOMETHING DONE to rewrite the sentences

1. He had his nose broken
2. I had all my money stolen
3. Fred has his hat blown off in the wind
4. Jill had her papers taken at the police station
5. Molly had her window broken yesterday

6. Write a sentence with the same meaning as the original sentence.

1. Complaints should be sent by the head office
2. The meeting had to be postponed because of illness
3. Your car might have been stolen if you had left the keys in it
4. The fault could have been caused by the fire
5. Next year's congress is going to be held in San Francisco
6. The football match shouldn't have been played in such bad weather