

Practice

55a Rewrite these sentences in the passive.

1 Someone broke this mirror last night.

This mirror was broken last night.

2 Someone washes the towels in the hotel every day.

The towels in the hotel are washed every day.

3 Someone built the house ten years ago.

4 They grow this fruit in very hot countries.

5 They pay the office workers weekly.

- 6 Someone bought all this cheese in France.
- 7 Someone found Emily's bike in the river.
- 8 Someone visits most of the prisoners once a week.
- 9 Someone cleans this car every week.
- 10 They play a lot of sport on the beach.
- 11 Someone stole all my best jewellery.
- 12 They carried the children all the way home.
- 13 Someone watches the palace twenty-four hours a day.
- 14 They leave the grapes to dry in the sun.

55b Complete the sentences with a present passive. Use the followings verbs.

ship pick drink take dry

mean prepare sell sort plant

Growing and preparing coffee

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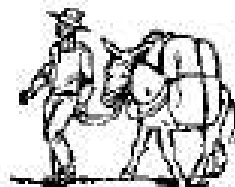
The soil *is prepared*



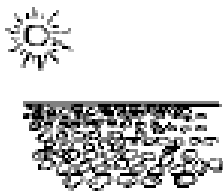
The seeds *are planted*.



The berries
by hand.



They.....
to a factory.



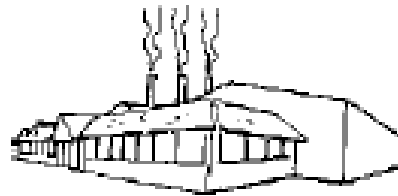
They..... in the sun.



They..... by hand.



They..... all over the world.



They..... in ovens at the factory.

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The coffee ... in the shops.



It..... in offices and homes everywhere.

55c Complete these sentences in the passive using *is, are, was* or *were* and a word from the box.

grown cut taught locked sent
explained killed given built driven

- 1 His father *was killed* in the war.
- 2 The grass *is* never *cut* in the winter.
- 3 When these houses
- 4 You can't go into the school. The gates..... always at 4.30.
- 5 these potatoes in your garden?
- 6 I a beautiful gold watch.
- 7 We take the bus to work during the week so the car..... only at weekends.
- 8 The problem..... to us very clearly.
- 9 This letter..... never
- 10 Children..... not any languages at primary school now.

55d Rewrite these sentences, putting the verbs in the passive.

1 My car / damage / last night, (past)

My car was damaged last night.

2 This computer / make / in the USA. (present)

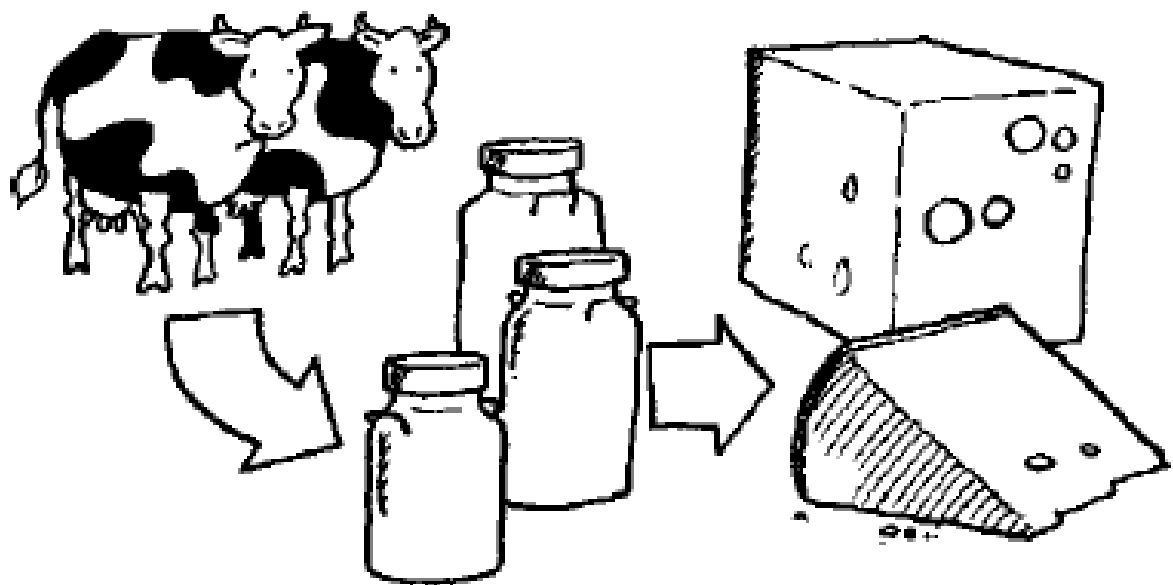
This computer is made in the USA,

3 The machines / make / in Scotland, (present)

4 The President / kill / last night, (past)

5 The money / change into dollars / at the bank, (present)

6 The parcel / post / yesterday, (past)



7 Cheese / make / from milk, (present)

8 The children / give / some food, (past)

9 The house / paint / every year, (present)

10 Several people / hurt / in an accident last night, (past)

EXERCISES

30.1 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using 'people', 'somebody', or 'they', write a passive sentence with an appropriate verb form. (A & B)

- 1 Somebody introduced me to Dr Felix last year. I was introduced to Dr Felix last year.
- 2 People are destroying large areas of forest every day.
- 3 Somebody has bought the land next to our house.
- 4 Somebody had already reported the accident before I phoned.
- 5 I hope they will have completed all the marking by tomorrow.
- 6 People were using the tennis court, so we couldn't play.
- 7 Somebody will tell you when you should go in to see the doctor.
- 8 They should have finished the hotel by the time you arrive.
- 9 No doubt somebody will blame me for the problem.
- 10 People expect better results soon.
- 11 They have found an unexploded bomb in Herbert Square, and they are evacuating the area.

30.2 Here is the beginning of a report of an experiment. Rewrite it, putting verbs in the passive where appropriate and making any other necessary changes. (B)

- I conducted the test in the school library to minimise.
- I took the children out of their normal lessons and sent them in groups of four. I carried out all the tests in January 1996. The test consisted of two components. First, I showed the children a design (I presented these in Chapter 3) and I asked them to describe what they saw. I tape recorded all their answers. I then gave them a set of anagrams (words with jumbled letters) which I instructed them to solve in as short a time as possible. I remained in the room while the children did this...
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The test ...

30.3 Rewrite these sentences beginning with (The) + a noun formed from the underlined verb and a passive verb. Choose an appropriate verb tense and make any other necessary changes. (B)

- 1 They will consider the issue at next week's meeting. Consideration will be given to the issue at next week's meeting.
- 2 They eventually permitted the site to be used for the festival.
- 3 They have transferred the money to my bank account.
- 4 They will present the trophy after the speeches.
- 5 They will not announce the findings until next week.
- 6 They demolished the building in only two days.
- 7 They will produce the new car in a purpose-built factory.

EXERCISES

- 31.1 Using one was/were + past participle (*passive*) form, and one past simple (*active*) form, which one of the two verbs can complete both sentences in the pair? (A)
- 1 a She was noticed coming into class late. (recall / notice)
b I noticed her carrying a yellow bag.
 - 2 a I.....them taking apples from my garden. (catch / not mind)
b They.....stealing apples from the farmer's fields.
 - 3 a As he fell into the pool, he.....himself shouting for help. (imagine / hear)
b Jones.....shouting at Mrs Markham before the robbery.
 - 4 a I.....waiting for at least an hour. (dislike / keep)
b I.....getting caught in the rain without an umbrella.
 - 5 a We.....the bills waiting for us when we got home. (find / dread)
b They.....entering the building with knives.
 - 6 a We.....the birthday presents that Uncle Joseph sent. (see / like)
b The children.....playing football in the park this morning.
- 31.2 Complete the sentences using a pair of verbs. Use the past simple for the first verb and a passive form with being + past participle or to be + past participle for the second. (A & B)
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| avoid / ran down | seem / design | appear / crack | deserve / -given |
| not mind / photograph | deny / pay | resent / ask | tend / forget |
- 1 He deserved to be given an award for bravery.
 - 2 The tin opener.....for left-handed people.
 - 3 He.....any money for giving his advice to the company.
 - 4 She.....to make tea for everyone at the meeting.
 - 5 Many reliable methods of storing information.....when computers arrived.
 - 6 I narrowly.....by the bus as it came round the corner.
 - 7 The parents.....with their children.
 - 8 The window.....in a number of places.
- 31.3 If necessary, correct these sentences. (A & B)
- 1 Ken was wanted to be the leader of the party.
 - 2 I had been taught to be played chess by the time I was four.
 - 3 Monica is considered to be the best student in the class.
 - 4 The painting has been reported being missing.
 - 5 Derek is hated to be away from home so often.
 - 6 Joan and Frank are being allowed to keep the prize money.
 - 7 Jane is preferred to ride her bike where her parents can see her.
- 31.4 Make passive sentences beginning with the underlined word(s). Does the sentence you have written have a corresponding meaning to the original, or a different meaning? (B)
- 1 The Japanese visitors struggled to understand James.
 - 2 The questions appeared to confuse David.
 - 3 The teacher tended to ignore the girls at the front.
 - 4 Lesley refused to congratulate Tim.

EXERCISES

321 *If possible, rewrite these newspaper headlines as passive sentences, as in 1. Begin each sentence with It has been ... that ... If this is not possible, write X after the headline. (A)*

1 **DISCOVERY THAT ASPIRIN CAN HELP FIGHT CANCER**

It has been discovered that aspirin can help fight cancer.

2 **AGREEMENT THAT UN WILL SEND IN TROOPS**

3 **AID WORKERS TELL OF MASSACRE**

4 **"EARTH SHRINKING BY TEN METRES EACH YEAR"**
CLAIM SCIENTISTS

5 **EARTHQUAKE CALCULATED TO HAVE COST \$3 BILLION**

6 **YOUNG PEOPLE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

7 **REPORTS OF REBEL TROOPS ENTERING CAPITAL**

322 *Tony has taken his old car in for an inspection. The news is not good. Read what he was told and report it using a passive + to-infinitive, as in 1. (B)*

1 We've found that the tyres are unsafe.

The tyres have been found to be unsafe.

2 We've discovered that the brakes are badly worn.

3 We consider that the petrol tank is dangerous.

4 We think that the electrical system is a fire hazard.

5 We expect the repairs to be very expensive indeed.



323 *Write a past simple passive sentence beginning with There... from the notes, as in 1. If no passive sentence with There... is possible, write a sentence with It... that.... (C)*

1 30,000 people at the concert / report TV were reported to be 30,000 people at the concert.

2 half a million refugees in the camps / estimate

3 gas was poisonous / assume

4 the President would make a statement later / expect

5 fault in the equipment / show

6 Beijing was not yet ready to hold the Olympic Games / feel

7 over 100 winners in the competition / say

8 she had resigned from the government / understand

9 connection between the disease and eating fish / show