

THE PASSIVE VOICE



Choose the right preposition (by / with):

1. Fish is cut ... a special knife.
2. What do we usually dig ... ?
3. These novels are written ... A. J. Cronin.
4. The big tree was cut down ... Jim.
5. The bridge was built ... five workers.
6. Who is the portrait painted ...?
7. Women`s dresses are sewed ... dressmakers.
8. The boat was carried ... the waves into the open sea.
9. She was treated ... very effective drugs.
10. They were taken to hospital ... an ambulance.

Make the following sentences passive:

1. People *don't use* this road very often.
2. They *are installing* a new computer system at the moment.
3. They *have built* a new hospital near the airport.
4. They *cancelled* all flights because of fog.
5. The students *were cleaning* the room when I came in.
6. Scientists *will find* the cure for cancer soon.
7. When I came to the service station the workers *were repairing* my car.
8. By the end of the week Nick *will have finished* his report.
9. Electricity *drives* this car.
10. People in Chile *speak* Spanish.

Choose the right form (Active or Passive) and translate the following sentences:

1. We (spend / are spent) a lot on advertising.
2. The roofs of some houses (blew / were blown) away.
3. Why (didn't he invite / wasn't he invited) to the party?
4. The film (nominated/ was nominated) for Oskar a year ago.
5. A new car design (has developed / has been developed) at the plant.
6. What (does Greece export / is Greece exported)?
7. In Japan marriages (arrange / are arranged) by parents.
8. The first Volkswagen cars (made / were made) in Germany before the World War II.
9. Our parent company (locates / is located) in Sweden.
10. The Chinese (invented / were invented) paper.

Choose the right passive form :

1. Mushrooms (were gathered / are gathered) in autumn.
2. Saint Petersburg (was founded / has been founded) in 1703.
3. Nylon (is being produced / has been produced) since 1938.
4. Perfume (is added / is being added) while soap cools.
5. The oldest dwelling house in Britain (was built / was being built) in 1543.
6. I (will be given / will have been given) a pay-rise in a month.
7. My car (is serviced / is being serviced) at the moment.
8. The papers (were not signed / have not been signed) yet.
9. When I came into the room my friend (was examined / was being examined).
10. He found that all his money (was stolen / had been stolen).

Translate the following sentences:

1. He is **talked about** all the time.
2. That old house **was not lived in**.
3. She **will be operated on** in a week.
4. The lecturer **was listened to** with great interest.
5. The bed **was not slept in**.
6. A freshman **is often laughed at**.
7. **Has** the doctor **been sent for**?
8. This phenomenon **is often referred to**.
9. The babies **are being looked after** with great care.
10. The key **was looked for** everywhere.

Change the sentences from active into passive:

1. Philosophers very often refer to that quotation.
2. They spoke to me with great suspect.
3. I do not think they will be listened to me.
4. Do not put on that hat! People will laugh at you.
5. The surgeon is operating on the boy now.
6. People speak a lot about the latest news.
7. Do not worry! I will look after your house plants properly while you are away.
8. They hoped their relatives would take good care of the kids.
9. The man asked for the telegram.
10. Her boyfriend always waits for her after studies.

Translate the following sentences:

1. Эта статья написана одним из самых известных журналистов.
2. Он обещает, что перевод будет выполнен вовремя.
3. Когда он пришел домой, стол был уже накрыт.
4. Все эти книги взяты из библиотеки.
5. Когда обсуждался этот вопрос?
6. Когда папа приехал, вещи были упакованы.
7. Комнату проветривают 3 раза в день.
8. Джона Леннона знают не только в Англии.
9. Мне разрешили пойти в кино.
10. Я хочу, чтобы меня поняли правильно.

Read and translate the text, find the passive constructions in the text.

A driver has been sent to jail for driving with excess alcohol.

Graham Smith, 29, of North Street, Barton, was stopped by police officers near his home last November and was found to have drunk almost twice the legal limit for drivers, Didcot magistrates heard on Tuesday.

Twelve months earlier Smith had been disqualified from driving for three years for drunk-driving.

He was disqualified for twelve months in 1986 for a similar offence.

Mr. Peter Jones, defending, said Smith had used the car to visit a sick friend.

He said Smith was depressed after the visit, and went to a pub and drank five or six pints before driving home.

He was caught by the police during a routine speed check in Wantage Road, Barton.

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