

Passive (2 objects) (2 sentences each)

1. They sent my sister two tickets for the concert.
2. People will show the visitors the new buildings.
3. They promised us higher wages.
4. Somebody recommended me to another doctor.
5. Someone taught him French and gave him a dictionary.
6. They will allow each boy a second plate of ice-cream.
7. The authorities refused Jason a passport.
8. They will ask us several questions.
9. When we first met, they had already offered me a job at the bank.
10. Someone will read you another chapter next time.
11. They still deny women the right to vote in some countries.
12. Someone is showing the students the way round the school.

Passive (Rumors) (2 sentences each)

1. People think that he is living in New York.
2. The police believe that the fire began in the kitchen.
3. They reported that 20 people are homeless after the earthquake.
4. People know that the Prime Minister is in favour of the new law.
5. The police think that the prisoner escaped by climbing over the wall.
6. They say that three men were arrested after the explosion.
7. People say that the monument is over 2000 years old.
8. People expect that the President will resign.
9. People think the fire started at about 8 o'clock.
10. Journalists reported that seven people had been injured in the fire.

Passive to Active

1. This notice has been altered.
2. You will be asked a lot of questions at the interview.
3. How was that fish caught?
4. Our dog was run over by a car last week
5. Have those letters been signed by the boss yet?
6. Dark suit and tie must be worn at the ceremony.
7. The wanted man is believed to be living in New York.
8. My bicycle must have been stolen.
9. Complaints should be sent to the main office.
10. Have you been shown the new machine?

Key to exercises.

Passive (2 objects) (2 sentences each)

1. They sent my sister two tickets for the concert.
My sister was sent two tickets for the concert.
Two tickets for the concert were sent to my sister.
2. People will show the visitors the new buildings.
The visitors will be shown the new buildings
The new buildings will be shown to the visitors.
3. They promised us higher wages.
We were promised higher wages.
Higher were promised to us.
4. Somebody recommended me to another doctor.
I was recommended to another doctor.
Another doctor was recommended to me.
5. Someone taught him French and gave him a dictionary.
He was taught French and given a dictionary.
6. They will allow each boy a second plate of ice-cream.
Each boy will be allowed a second plate of ice-cream.
A second plate of ice-cream will be allowed to each boy.
7. The authorities refused Jason a passport.
Jason was refused a passport.
A passport was refused to Jason.
8. They will ask us several questions.
We will be asked several questions.
Several questions will be asked to us.
9. When we first met, they had already offered me a job at the bank.
When we first met, I had already been offered a job at the bank.
When we first met, a job at the bank had already been offered to me.
10. Someone will read you another chapter next time.
You will be read another chapter next time.
Another chapter will be read to you next time.
11. They still deny women the right to vote in some countries.
Women are still denied the right to vote in some countries.
The right to vote is still denied to women in some countries.
12. Someone is showing the students the way round the school.
The students are being shown the way round the school.
The way round the school is being shown to the students.

Passive (Rumors) (2 sentences each)

1. People think that he is living in New York.
It is thought that he is living in New York.
He is thought to be living in New York.
2. The police believe that the fire began in the kitchen.
It is believed that the fire began in the kitchen.
The fire is believed to have begun in the kitchen.
3. They reported that 20 people are homeless after the earthquake.
It was reported that 20 people are homeless after the earthquake.
20 people were reported to be homeless after the earthquake.
4. People know that the Prime Minister is in favour of the new law.

It is known that the Prime Minister is in favour of the new law.

The Prime Minister is known to be in favour of the new law.

5. The police think that the prisoner escaped by climbing over the wall.

It is thought that the prisoner escaped by climbing over the wall.

The prisoner is thought to have escaped by climbing over the wall.

6. They say that three men were arrested after the explosion.

It is said that three men were arrested after the explosion.

Three men are said to have been arrested after the explosion.

7. People say that the monument is over 2000 years old.

It is said that the monument is over 2000 years old.

The monument is said to be over 2000 years old.

8. People expect that the President will resign.

It is expected that the President will resign.

The President is expected to resign.

9. People think the fire started at about 8 o'clock.

It is thought that the fire started at about 8 o'clock.

The fire is thought to have started at about 8 o'clock.

10. Journalists reported that seven people had been injured in the fire.

It was reported that seven people had been injured in the fire.

Seven people were reported to have been injured in the fire.

From Passive to Active

1. This notice has been altered.

Someone has altered this notice.

2. You will be asked a lot of questions at the interview.

They will ask you a lot of questions at the interview.

3. How was that fish caught?

How did they catch the fish?

4. Our dog was run over by a car last week.

A car ran over our dog last week.

5. Have those letters been signed by the boss yet?

Has the boss signed those letters yet?

6. Dark suit and tie must be worn at the ceremony.

People must wear dark suit and tie at the ceremony.

7. The wanted man is believed to be living in New York.

People believe the wanted man is living in New York.

8. My bicycle must have been stolen.

Someone must have stolen my bicycle.

9. Complaints should be sent to the main office.

Customers should send their complaints to the main office.

10. Have you been shown the new machine?

Has anybody shown you the new machine?