

A Turn the following sentences around into the passive:

1. Anna takes the children to the park every afternoon.
The children are taken to the park by Anna every day.

2. Sir Christopher Wren designed St Paul's Cathedral.

3. Vincent played the part of the wicked uncle.

4. Wordsworth wrote this poem.

5. The caretaker opens the school at 8.00.

6. Mr Kim trains the football team.

7. A bee stung me on the arm.

8. Sir Stamford Raffles founded Singapore.

9. My grandfather collected these books.

10. The government owns this apartment block.

11. In 1941 a bomb destroyed the house.

12. A taxi knocked me off my bike.

B Form passive sentences in the simple past with the words in brackets. Decide whether to use by, in or with after the passive verb:

1. (My boots, cover, mud)
My boots were covered in mud.

2. (The valley, form, ice)

3. (Mum's present, wrap, coloured paper)

4. (The street, crowd, people)

5. (The seeds, carry, wind)

6. (The prince, clothe, fine robes)

7. (Maggie's wardrobe, cram, clothes)

8. (The ship, hit, torpedo)

9. (The air, fill, strange noises)

10. (The damage, cause, a hurricane)

11. (Sue, dress, purple)

12. (The drawer, cram, papers)

C Turn the following active sentences into passive sentences:

1. The police will remove any vehicles parked outside the air terminal.
Any vehicles parked outside the air terminal will be removed by the police.

2. The picnickers had dropped a lot of litter.

3. The mechanic has repaired the car.

4. The police were towing away our van.

5. My dad is teaching my brother to drive.

6. A mole has made those bumps in the lawn.

7. Mary will read the part of the First Ugly Sister.

8. Computers have completely changed our lives.

9. The pupils are making the scenery for the play.

10. The builders had left some rubbish in the drive.

11. The head teacher's daughter is presenting the prizes.

12. A catering firm will provide refreshments.

D Change these active sentences into passives, without mentioning the doer of the action:

1. We haven't sent in our competition entry yet.

Our competition entry hasn't been sent in yet.

2. They told the passengers that the train was running late.

3. They asked us to wait in a queue.

4. Have they mended the lamp post?

5. Somebody left these papers on the table.

6. They ordered the prisoners to go back to their cells.

7. Has anybody cleaned the bedrooms?

8. They serve dinner between six o'clock and nine o'clock.

E Change these active sentences into passives, using it as the subject:

1. People now believe that the universe began with a big bang.

It is now believed that the universe began with a big bang.

2. They say that eating a lot of eggs is bad for you.

3. Nobody knows who invented the wheel.

4. People believe that holidays help you to relax.

5. They think that the illness comes from eating rotten fruit.

6. We know that the stars are getting further apart.

7. They say that a good education is the key to success.

8. They believe that the man was murdered.
