

# THE PASSIVE

## 1. Make passive sentences – all tenses!

1. The words \_\_\_\_\_ by the teacher today. (explain)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ my letter \_\_\_\_\_ the day before yesterday? (send)
3. This car \_\_\_\_\_. It's too old. (not steal)
4. This street \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ because of snow. (close)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a new restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ next week? (open)
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the party yesterday. (invite)
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ the book by my friend last Sunday. (give)
8. The dishes \_\_\_\_\_ by my little brother yet. (wash)
9. Those books \_\_\_\_\_ (use) by our intermediate students.
10. The exams \_\_\_\_\_ (correct) in the teacher's room two days ago.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ that car \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) by a professional driver?
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a wonderful present for my birthday every year.
13. We \_\_\_\_\_ (send) a strange email yesterday.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Alice \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a scholarship next year?
15. Those delicious chocolate muffins \_\_\_\_\_ (not cook) by my grandmother last night.
16. They \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) to stay in their houses during the heavy storm last Friday.
17. The window \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ (break) by a couple of boys who were playing football.
18. The exam result \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (announce) by the head teacher.
19. Every student \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a password and a user name tomorrow.
20. Patrick and Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ to the party (invite) yesterday.
21. The vegetables \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) before eating.
22. Not all the books in that list \_\_\_\_\_ (read) by our students yet.
23. The sportive activities \_\_\_\_\_ (organise) by the P.E teacher.
24. Anne \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) a new job in New York three days ago.
25. That journalist \_\_\_\_\_ (hire) by an important newspaper.
26. Paul Auster's new book \_\_\_\_\_ (not release) next week.

## 2. Fill the gaps with the correct tenses (active or passive voice):

1. In the year 122 AD, the Roman Emperor Hadrian \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) his provinces in Britain.
2. On his visit, the Roman soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him that Pictish tribes from Britain's north \_\_\_\_\_ (attack) them.
3. So Hadrian \_\_\_\_\_ (give) the order to build a protective wall across one of the narrowest parts of the country.
4. After 6 years of hard work, the Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) in 128.
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) 117 kilometres long and about 4 metres high.
6. The Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (guard) by 15,000 Roman soldiers.
7. Every 8 kilometres there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a large fort in which up to 1,000 soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ (find) shelter.
8. The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) over the frontier to the north and \_\_\_\_\_ (check) the people who \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to enter or leave Roman Britain.

9. In order to pass through the Wall, people \_\_\_\_\_ (must go) to one of the small forts that \_\_\_\_\_ (serve) as gateways.
10. Those forts \_\_\_\_\_ (call) milecastles because the distance from one fort to another \_\_\_\_\_ (be) one Roman mile (about 1,500 metres).
11. Between the milecastles there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) two turrets from which the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ (guard) the Wall.
12. If the Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (attack) by enemies, the soldiers at the turrets \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to the nearest milecastle for help or \_\_\_\_\_ (light) a fire that \_\_\_\_\_ (can / see) by the soldiers in the milecastle.
13. In 383 Hadrian's Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (abandon) .
14. Today Hadrian's Wall \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the most popular tourist attraction in northern England.
15. In 1987, it \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**3. Complete the sentences (Active or Passive Voice). You must either use Simple Present or Simple Past.**

1. The Statue of Liberty \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to the United States by France.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a present on the 100th anniversary of the United States.
3. The Statue of Liberty \_\_\_\_\_ (design) by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.
4. It \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) in France in July 1884.
5. In 350 pieces, the statue then \_\_\_\_\_ (ship) to New York, where it \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) on 17 June 1885.
6. The pieces \_\_\_\_\_ (put) together and the opening ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ (take) place on 28 October 1886.
7. The Statue of Liberty \_\_\_\_\_ (be) 46 m high (93 m including the base).
8. The statue \_\_\_\_\_ (represent) the goddess of liberty.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) a torch in her right hand and a tablet in her left hand.
10. On the tablet you \_\_\_\_\_ (see / can) the date of the Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776).
11. Every year, the Statue of Liberty \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) by many people from all over the world.

**4. Make the sentences passive.**

- a. Henry hasn't dug a hole yet. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. In the past people used trains. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The builders will build the bridge by 2014. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. People give a lot of presents at Christmas. \_\_\_\_\_