

PASSIVES

Change each sentence into a more natural passive sentence.

1. The Cleaners were cleaning the room when I arrived.
2. Thieves have stolen a priceless antique vase from the British Museum.
3. Nobody should have opened this letter. It's private.
4. The printers accidentally printed the cover of the book upside-down.
5. The actors are going to perform the play outdoors.
6. Some people are using the lecture hall next Friday.
7. The wind blew off his hat and carried it out to sea.
8. Somebody will have to pay for the damage.
9. Oil drillers have discovered oil off the coast of Turkey.
10. The builders should have finished the house three months ago.

Turn from active into passive.

1. An expert is restoring the antique car.
2. Steven Spielberg has directed a lot of successful films.
3. The judge has fined him £ 300.
4. A number of reporters will meet the professor at the airport.
5. A famous designer is going to redecorate the President's house.
6. The Romans founded Bath in the first century A.D.
7. A nightmare woke Mary up.
8. The Muslims celebrate Ramadan.
9. Van Gogh painted "Sunflowers".
10. Astronauts are exploring space.

Turn from active into passive.

1. They kill elephants for ivory = marfil.
2. Homer wrote the "Iliad".
3. People chop down = cortar a lot of trees every year.
4. The government will introduce new measures against crime.
5. Someone has burgled Ann's house.
6. She offered me a cup of tea.
7. They checked passports at Passport Control.
8. A million people visit the cathedral every year.
9. Someone has stolen Mike's bicycle.

Turn from active into passive. (with modals)

1. Scientists might discover a cure for cancer.
2. Someone should help the old woman across the street.
3. They might have arrested the escaped prisoner.
4. They should have provided more food at the reception.
5. They ought to warn the public about him.
6. They should build more bus lanes.
7. They could have written the answers more clearly.

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct passive form.

There is an old castle in Norwich which _____ (believe) to _____ (haunt).
It _____ (call) North Castle and it _____ (say) that
ghosts can _____ (see) there at night. The castle _____ (build)
400 years ago and _____ (own) by two old ladies who _____
(believe) to be witches. One day, long ago, they both disappeared and they _____
(never / see) again. In 1985 the castle _____ (buy) by a businessman and
_____ (convert) into a luxurious hotel. The castle _____ (visit)
by quite a few guests every year and special groups _____ (organise) to watch for
ghosts. It has been a long time since any ghosts _____ (see) but one night a trick
_____ (play) on some visitors by a local couple, who dressed up as the two
“ witches”. They _____ (see) by a guest, who said she _____
(frighten) almost to death. The couple apologised the next day, and _____ (tell)
never to visit the castle again, certainly not in the middle of the night dressed up as witches.