

EXERCISES FOR THE REVISION OF THE PASSIVE VOICE IN ENGLISH

A.- CHANGE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE. (LEAVE OUT THE AGENT WHEN POSSIBLE)

- 1.- They no longer make this car in Britain.
- 2.- They last saw him in Prague.
- 3.- The council will build five hundred new houses in this area.
- 4.- They murdered her in Glasgow.
- 5.- They'll laugh at you if you wear this hat.
- 6.- Nobody would believe such a story.
- 7.- We export our china to all over the world.
- 8.- They haven't decided anything yet.
- 9.- In the whole war, air attacks killed thirty thousand Londoners.
- 10.- They set the cathedral on fire.
- 11.- They have offered her a new job in Australia.
- 12.- They gave him a watch.
- 13.- We've accepted him because no one else has phoned.
- 14.- A flower-pot knocked him on the head.
- 15.- Bombs damaged the cathedral seriously.
- 16.- Tomorrow's newspaper is going to present new facts.
- 17.- My boss paid me a good amount for the job done.
- 18.- A left-handed person has written this letter.
- 19.- I drew my daughter a nice picture of a house.
- 20.- You shouldn't spend so much money.
- 21.- A falling stone injured his foot.
- 22.- The manager has asked me about that affair.

B.-PROGRESSIVE PASSIVE

- 1.- Is coffee ready? (make)
- 2.- Is the list ready? (draw up)
- 3.- Is my shirt ready? (iron)
- 4.- Is the letter ready? (type)
- 5.- Is my car ready? (repair)
- 6.- Are the cases ready? (pack)

C.- IMPERSONAL PASSIVE

- 1.- They understand that Mr. Callaghan is willing to meet Mrs Thatcher.
- 2.- They reported that British Airways increased its European flights last year.
- 3.- They will believe that the Prime Minister's policy is not totally accepted by his cabinet.
- 4.- They would later admit that the statement had been made by a former member of the Armed Forces.
- 5.- They are claiming that entertainment and fashion in Britain have been an enormous source of income in the last twelve years.

D.- MODAL VERBS IN PASSIVE

- 1.- You ought to pack your suitcases as soon as possible.
- 2.- We should tell him at once.
- 3.- Nobody can do it.
- 4.- They will finish by tomorrow morning.
- 5.- We must give him a prize.
- 6.- We needn't do it today.

E.- PREPOSITIONAL VERBS IN PASSIVE

- 1.- They will look after him very well during your absence.
- 2.- The police have looked very carefully into the matter.
- 3.- Everybody is looking down on him.
- 4.- They put his failure down to lack of interest.
- 5.- They've done away with the old law.
- 6.- They've already seen to it.

F.- CHANGE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE

I don't know how to use this tool. (teach)
Haven't you been taught how to use it?

- 1.- I don't know who to ask. (tell)
- 2.- He doesn't know how to drive this car. (teach)
- 3.- She doesn't know how to cook this food. (show)
- 4.- They don't know how to open the safe. (show)
- 5.- We don't know where to go. (tell)
- 6.- He doesn't know if he must come tomorrow. (order)

G.- TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH

- 1.- La ropa se está lavando.
- 2.- Me han dicho que te has casado.
- 3.- Creen que está enamorado.
- 4.- Se están revelando las fotos ahora.
- 5.- Le deberían dar una recompensa.
- 6.- Se piensa que está en España.
- 7.- Puede que lo hayan asesinado.
- 8.- Debe hacerlo lo antes posible.
- 9.- No deben tirarse las botellas vacías.
- 10.- Antes solía hacerse así.

H.- ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS IN PASSIVE VOICE

- 1.- Monna Lisa / paint (who)
- 2.- World War II / finish (when)
- 3.- Hamlet / write (who)
- 4.- America / discover (when- who)
- 5.- Oil / obtain (where- what from)