

EXERCISES FOR THE REVISION OF THE PASSIVE VOICE IN ENGLISH

A) Change the following sentences into the **Passive Voice**.

- I will bring this question up at our next meeting.
- They have turned down my application.
- Normally men sweep this street everyday, but nobody swept it last week.
- They haven't stamped the letter.
- You shouldn't leave these documents on the desk. Somebody might take them.
- All the ministers will see him off at the airport.
- A lorry knocked him down.
- Visitors must leave umbrellas and sticks in the cloakroom.
- They have tried other people's schemes.
- The examiner will read the passage three times.

B) Change the verbs in the passage below from **Active** into **Passive** .

William Randolph Hearst chose Julia Morgan to design **San Simeon**, but he continually ordered her to change things. He told her to knock down whole floors which the workmen had constructed and he made her to rebuild them. Hearst sent agents to find works of art for the castle which they shipped back to America.

Since Hearst's death his family has given the castle to the American people and they will eventually hand the contents over too. Unfortunately, art dealers often deceived Hearst's agents and they sold them cheap imitations instead of real works of art.

C) Fill the Gaps with Passive Verbs.

- Visitors _____ not to feed the animals. (request)
- Lunch _____ in the cafeteria from 11.00 to 14.30 . (serve)
- In 1976 the house _____ to Leisure Design Enterprises. (sell)
- It _____ completely _____ by the fire in 1745. (destroy)
- Two new songs _____ by that music groups since its last LP. (record)
- A bell _____ fifteen minutes before closing time. (ring).