

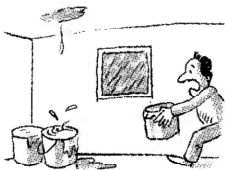
# Passive, Causative Forms

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

### A. Choose the correct answer.

1. When I saw Professor Bright, he was ..... shown around the university campus.
  - a. being
  - b. been
2. She is supposed ..... giving a speech on prize day.
  - a. that she is
  - b. to be
3. That old building should ..... down.
  - a. be pulled
  - b. to be pulled
4. In the rush hour, the underground station was crowded ..... passengers.
  - a. with
  - b. by
5. I will always remember ..... taken to the theatre for the first time.
  - a. be
  - b. being
6. The meal was expertly ..... .
  - a. cooked
  - b. cooked by someone
7. Entrance to the building had been ..... .
  - a. to Charles refused
  - b. refused to Charles
8. Their dog was never ..... to run free in the garden.
  - a. allowed
  - b. let
9. The ancient stones are believed to ..... moved to their present site in 4,000 BC.
  - a. be
  - b. have been
10. Which novel did you say the film was ..... ?
  - a. based
  - b. based on
11. At that time, the company was ..... financial problems.
  - a. facing
  - b. faced
12. .... thought to be 5,000 homeless people in that city.
  - a. There are
  - b. It is
13. We really must get ..... .
  - a. posted the wedding invitations
  - b. the wedding invitations posted
14. I sometimes have a neighbour ..... the children from school.
  - a. collect
  - b. collected
15. I must have ..... this weekend!
  - a. dyed my hair
  - b. my hair dyed

### B. Circle the correct answer.



1. We must get the roof mended / get the roof to mend soon.



2. She had her teeth cleaned / had cleaned her teeth.



3. In no time I'll have you dance / have you dancing the samba!



4. Sue had somebody steal her purse / had her purse stolen while she was out shopping.



5. He is going to have tested his eyes / is having his eyes tested this morning.

Score: ..... / 20

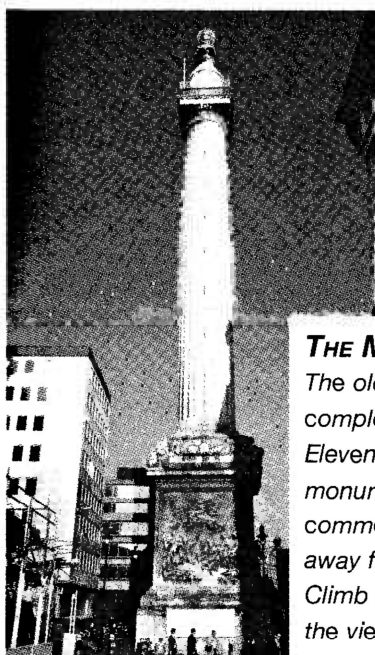
## PRACTICE

### A. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. We couldn't drive up to the hotel because the access road ..... **was being repaired** ..... (repair).
2. Surely everyone deserves ..... (give) the same opportunities in life.
3. I'll never forget ..... (make) to stand in front of the whole class and recite a poem.
4. Remarkable progress ..... (achieve) in the field of genetic engineering in the last decade.
5. Receiving private emails ..... (not approve) of in the workplace.
6. The newspaper has to be careful not to print comments that their readers might ..... (offend) by.
7. The company chairman ..... (succeed) by his son next year.
8. The cost of flood damage ..... (estimate) at over \$60 million.
9. Shouldn't the water in the goldfish bowl ..... (change) more often?
10. Jack was afraid of ..... (send) to prison.
11. The air conditioning units ..... (not install) by the time the hotel's first guests arrive next week.
12. The soundtrack for *The Lion King* ..... (compose) by Elton John and Tim Rice.

### B. Complete the leaflet using a passive form of one of the following verbs. Use each verb only once.

make \* raise \* ~~destroy~~ \* design \* pull down  
erect \* slow down \* purchase \* hold \* prevent



## HISTORIC LONDON

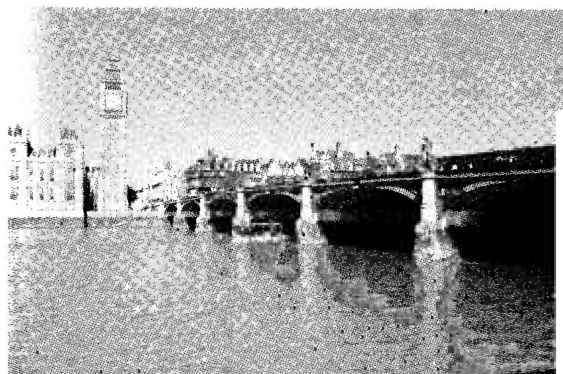
### THE MONUMENT

The old city (1) ..... **was** ..... almost completely ..... **destroyed** ..... by fire in 1666. Eleven years later, a 62-metre-high monument (2) ..... to commemorate the event exactly 62 metres away from the place where the fire began. Climb the 311 steps to the top to admire the view of the present-day city.



### TOWER BRIDGE

Probably the most recognisable bridge in the world, Tower Bridge (3) ..... so that its central section can (4) ..... to allow ships to pass through it. Still in working order today, it is opened 900 times a year, at which times traffic (5) ..... from crossing the bridge. A joint ticket for admission to the Tower Bridge Experience and The Monument can (6) ..... for just £7 per adult.



### LONDON BRIDGE

The first London Bridge was built in 80 AD, though this (7) ..... by an invading Viking army in 1014. The first bridge (8) ..... of stone. It had so many arches that the flow of the river (9) ..... considerably, causing it to freeze over every winter enabling fairs (10) ..... on the frozen ice.

**C. Rewrite the following active sentences using passive verb forms where possible. Some sentences CANNOT be made passive.**

1. They are going to pull down the tower blocks.  
~~The tower blocks are going to be pulled down.~~ .....
2. The car disappeared around a corner.  
 .....
3. Critics have seriously underrated the new Jim Carrey movie.  
 .....
4. They think a new vaccine could prevent AIDS.  
 .....
5. We'll need to alter the costume so that it fits him.  
 .....
6. We will provide all tour participants with a detailed itinerary free of charge.  
 .....
7. The hikers arrived at the foot of the mountain just before sunset.  
 .....
8. We were furious that they made us wait in the airport lounge all night.  
 .....
9. Doctors generally prescribe antibiotics for chest infections.  
 .....
10. The studio was planning a sequel but they never made it because of budget issues.  
 .....

**D. Complete the sentences using the correct phrase below.**

**had us doing \* had it coming \* had it stolen \* had anyone tell \* get a firm to do  
 get it all done \* have them going \* have somebody send**

1. We'll never manage to move this furniture ourselves. We'd better ..... it for us.
2. The flood water was so deep we ..... in through the window.
3. Look at this pile of ironing! How am I going to ..... ?
4. I make my children have breakfast every day. I won't ..... to school on an empty stomach.
5. I've never ..... me I'm talented before. It was such a nice compliment.
6. The judo teacher ..... throws and kicks from the very first session.
7. Did you hear about Carl's car stereo? He ..... last night.
8. If you leave us your address, I'll ..... you our brochure.

**E. Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Then mark each one I (informal) or F (formal).**

- ..... I 1. They won't let you into the club without a jacket. **enter**  
 ..... F No one is ~~allowed / permitted to enter the club without a jacket.~~ .....
- ..... 2. It's best not to leave gardenias in direct sunlight. **should**  
 ..... Gardenias .....
- ..... 3. There are said to be rare birds in that forest. **are**  
 ..... They .....
- ..... 4. Lots of people think the design is old-fashioned. **felt**  
 ..... It .....
- ..... 5. I was angered by the council's decision. **made**  
 ..... The .....
- ..... 6. Don't give him any details of the project. **not**  
 ..... He is .....
- ..... 7. Why wasn't Annie chosen for the team? **get**  
 ..... Why ..... ?
- ..... 8. Use a small brush to clean the machinery. **with**  
 ..... The machinery .....

**A** If the verb in bold is correct, put a tick. If it is incorrect, rewrite it correctly.

- 1 Could you tell me where your passport **was been issued**? .....
- 2 When the winning actor **was** finally **announced**, a big cheer went up. ....
- 3 **Has** your business trip to Calcutta next week **confirmed** by the Indian office? .....
- 4 Everyone who **was been invited** to the wedding came. ....
- 5 The wire coat hanger **invented** in 1903 by a Mr Parkhouse. ....
- 6 The issue **has discussed** in Parliament yesterday, but no decisions were taken. ....
- 7 By the time we get there, the problem **should have been sorted out**. ....
- 8 Britain **was be invaded** by the Romans under Emperor Claudius in 43 AD. ....
- 9 The party **had been planned** months in advance, but we still had problems. ....
- 10 After **be treated**, I was allowed to leave the hospital. ....
- 11 We boarded the ship and **were showing** to our cabin by a steward. ....
- 12 The new supermarket **is to be opened** by an actor from a soap opera. ....

**B** Write a verb from the box in the correct passive form in each gap.

allow • ask • find • give • know • light • make • meet • show • write

- 1 The stolen items ..... in the attic of an empty house last week.
- 2 When the open-air cinema opens, the first film ..... will be *Vertigo*.
- 3 Questions ..... in Parliament about the Minister's business interests.
- 4 We're looking forward to ..... a guided tour of the whole factory.
- 5 Just imagine that when these words ..... , Europeans had not yet discovered America.
- 6 Once the barbecue ..... , we'll be able to start cooking.
- 7 Before ..... to see the invention, I had to agree not to tell anyone.
- 8 I would really like ..... at the airport, if that's possible.
- 9 It ..... very clear to us that we weren't welcome.
- 10 Gareth says he's always wanted ..... as someone with a good sense of humour.

**C** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 Global warming is thought **to be caused** / **is caused** by pollution.
- 2 There **are to be estimated** / **are estimated** to be about 5,400 different species of mammals.
- 3 It **is to be reported** / **has been reported** that gunshots have been heard in the city centre.
- 4 The escaped prisoner is believed **to use** / **to have used** a rope to climb the wall.
- 5 It **is to be calculated** / **is calculated** that about 60% of a man's body mass is water.
- 6 Over 200 people **are being understood** / **are understood** to have been injured in the explosion.
- 7 It is considered impolite in some cultures **to be eaten** / **to eat** with your left hand.
- 8 There **mean** / **were meant** to have been 60 crates of olives in the order, not 600!
- 9 **It** / **There** has been suggested that people who don't recycle should pay more tax.
- 10 Your order is guaranteed **will be delivered** / **to be delivered** within three working days.

## I Choose the correct answer.

- 1 When Nadine arrived, she soon ..... at all her jokes.  
A had everyone laughed  
B had laughing everyone  
C had everyone laughing  
D had laughed everyone
- 2 The government must ..... strong measures against crime.  
A be seen be taking  
B see to be taking  
C seen to take  
D be seen to be taking
- 3 Mrs Davies asked me to tell you that she would like ..... by Friday at the latest.  
A the orders sent  
B sending the orders  
C that you sent  
D sent the orders
- 4 Joining a gym ..... , but I didn't really fancy the idea.  
A was suggested me  
B to me was suggested  
C was suggested to me  
D was suggesting me
- 5 There ..... between 4,000 and 6,000 languages in the world, depending on how you count them.  
A say to be  
B are said that  
C are said to be  
D said being
- 6 I spoke to Victor last night and he says he ..... while he was on holiday.  
A had stolen his phone  
B got stolen his phone  
C was got his phone stolen  
D had his phone stolen
- 7 Why didn't you ..... you when you moved house?  
A have Aaron help  
B have got Aaron help  
C have Aaron helped  
D get Aaron help
- 8 Profits ..... slightly next year, although we don't predict any job losses.  
A expect to fall  
B are expecting to fall  
C are expected falling  
D are expected to fall
- 9 It's hard to believe that this film ..... completely by computer.  
A was been generating  
B has generated  
C has been generated  
D was to generate
- 10 As soon as Dad ..... , we can leave.  
A has the car starting  
B has got the car started  
C got started the car  
D was got starting the car

## J Write one word in each gap.

## The scramjet

Imagine (1) ..... transported around the globe in a matter of hours, rather than the 24 hours which (2) ..... currently required to get from London to Sydney. Such is the promise of the scramjet, a highly experimental type of engine which has been (3) ..... development over the past couple of decades. In a conventional jet engine, air (4) ..... sucked into the engine at speeds below the speed of sound, where it is mixed (5) ..... fuel, ignited, and the exhaust gases provide thrust. In a scramjet, which has to (6) ..... taken to supersonic speeds by conventional means before it will operate, the air enters at supersonic speeds.

It has (7) ..... estimated that a scramjet might be capable of travelling at 12-24 times the speed of sound. However, the technology (8) ..... been found to be extremely difficult to control. Although scientists (9) ..... had scramjets perform short flights, commercial aircraft are still a long way in the future, and indeed may never (10) ..... successfully developed.