

MORE PASSIVE

1.- Expand the headlines to full passive sentences using the tense in brackets.

- Pop star arrested in drugs raid. (Present perfect)
- Police chief blamed for fiasco. (Simple Past)
- Architects asked to design hotel on moon. (Present Continuous)
- Thousands killed every year on roads. (Present Simple)
- Picasso masterpiece stolen. (Present Perfect)
- Top players paid too much. (Present Continuous)

2.- Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

1. Nobody has ever climbed Mount Everest without using oxygen.
2. Spaniard Pedro Almodóvar won the Oscar for the best foreign language film in 2000.
3. Nearly four million people read *The Sun* every day.
4. They will hold the Olympic Games in 2022.

3.- Rewrite the underlined phrases in the passive.

Brit hero shot in Costa crime.

Someone has shot a British man while on holiday on the Costa del Sol. Builder, David Jones, was in an Irish pub when he heard a noise. A man with a gun was attacking a woman. David explained: " I went to help her, and suddenly he fired the gun. The man ran away, and it wasn't until later that I realised he had shot me. I remember thinking he could have killed me. They released David from hospital the same night but he still has the bullet in his leg. Someone will remove it when he returns home to Croydon. Police are now questioning a suspect.

4.- Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in the box.

demolish/kill/see/sell/suspend/test

- a. So far the film by more than a million people.
- b. The Middle-East peace talks late last night.
- c. A new cancer treatment (currently) on rats in Japan.
- d. I predict that Michael Owen to an Italian club next season.
- e. The UN has said the wall should
- f. If we hadn't gone to war, those people

5.- Rewrite these sentences in two different ways.

We believe Posh and Becks are unhappy.
Someone said that England captain was upset.
They allege Posh screamed at her husband.
Everyone knows they have been spending more and more time apart.
We understand they are getting a divorce.
We expect William and Kate to make an announcement later today.

6.- Rewrite these sentences in two different ways.

Someone has sent them a ransom note.
They will show the evidence to the MP's.
We give you the most up-to-date information.
They promised me a promotion.
They may offer you a discount.

7.- Complete using the structure *have/get something done*.

Before the wedding she (nails/do).
That referee needs (eyes/test).
(I/my car/ service last week) but it won't start.
He's mad! He should ! (head/examine)
More and more men (their body hair/remove)

8.- Choose the correct options.

Advertising (use) since Roman times. Adverts (find) in the ruins of Pompeii and the Egyptians (use) to make all posters. The first printed adverts arrived with the invention of the printing press in the 16th century. Classified ads became popular during the 19th century when all kinds of goods (advertise) in newspapers. Today there are numerous methods used: billboards, posters on taxis and buses, printed press, and cinema and TV ads. TV commercials (consider) to be the most effective. This (reflect) in the prices TV networks charge for commercial airtime during popular TV events. The Super Bowl football game in the USA (know) as much for its ads as for the game itself. The cost of a thirty-second TV spot can (reach) \$2.7 million during the final.

9.- Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

1. Email users receive junk email every day.
2. Pressure groups criticised adverts with sexist or racist images last year.
3. The crew were filming the new advert when the electricity was cut off.
4. Authorities have banned certain commercials because of their content.
5. Companies should not target very young children with unhealthy products.
6. The company is going to launch a new campaign this year.

10.- Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Omit the agent if possible.

- a. Advertisers spend millions of euros on adverts every year.
- b. A small German agency designed a big soft drinks company's campaign.
- c. Television networks are charging lots of money for thirty-seconds spots.
- d. Students in Madrid have won a young advertisers' competition.
- e. David Deck isn't going to promote Cathy Mose's clothes.
- f. Pineapple may sell phones on the Internet.

11. Rewrite the sentences making the person the subject.

- A secret admirer sent her a bunch of roses.
- They didn't pay the actor the money.
- Juliet had made James a delicious meal.
- My parents will buy me a car for my birthday.
- Parents shouldn't give young children soft drinks.
- Have they shown you the new advert yet?

12.- Rewrite the sentences with the words provided.

Experts estimate that British children see about three hours of adverts each week.
They say that the average child of ten is familiar with up to 400 brand names.
It is believed that one in six British children is overweight.
Experts claim that three out of four food adverts are for sweets, chocolate or soft drinks.
They think 80% of children have a TV in their room.

13.- Correct the mistakes in the sentences. There is one mistake in every sentence.

Lewis Hamilton has been hire as the new face for Mercedes cars.

14.- HAVE/GET SOMETHING DONE.

- I really must (eyes/check)
- I (my house/redecorate) this week.
- My sister (TV/ fix))
- I (my hair/do)

15.- HAVE/GET SOMETHING DONE.

- 1. - I really must (the central heating/fix)
- 2.- They ought to have replace the broken windows
- 3 - He while he was away on holiday(his house/burgle)
- 4 - I (my phone/ repair) after I dropped it.
- 5 - She didn't have time to get to the tailor's and(her clothes/ take up)
- 6 - I (the equipment/ install) when he arrives
- 7 - They couldn't (their burst pipes/fix)
- 8- They had it by the same person who decorated their old house
- 9 - I (the garage/renovate) if I could afford it
- 10 - The teacher him do all the work again
- 11 - He his bags loaded onto the train by a porter
- 12 - I (my car/service) a fortnight ago

16.- Rewrite this information in the passive voice.

My house is a mess!

- 1. I think the carpenter should fix my door.
I (my door/fix).
- 2. I think the cleaner should wash my windows.
I (my windows/wash).
- 3. I think the gardener should cut my grass.
I (my grass/cut).
- 4. I think the builder should fix my roof.
I (my roof/fix).
- 5. I think the plumber should mend my tap.
I (my tap/mend).

16.- Let / Make / Have / Get

- 1. Sam really wanted a dog, but his parents wouldn't him have a pet.
- 2. I can't believe she you look at her vacation pictures again last night. We have to look at those stupid pictures every time we go to her house.
- 3. I don't know how you convince your children to clean up their rooms. I couldn't my children to clean up their rooms if my life depended on it.
- 4. Professor Yu each of her students write an essay describing their future goals in life.
- 5. Professor Yu her students use a dictionary while they were taking the test.
- 6. Debbie's husband hates the opera. But after days of nagging, she finally him to go see the new production of La Boheme.
- 7. Sally me take off my shoes before I went into her house. She said she wanted to keep the carpet clean.
- 8. Rebecca Smith requested a copy of that expense report, so I the courier take one over to her last week.
- 9. Diane thinks television is a waste of time, so she won't her children watch TV.
- 10. Mr. Levine his secretary call Ms. Jackson and reconfirm their meeting on Thursday.

11. Marcus me drive his new BMW. I couldn't believe how quickly it picked up speed.
12. How did you the doctor to make a house call? I haven't heard of a doctor actually going to a patient's house in years.
13. My boss me get him coffee, pick up his dry cleaning and buy presents for his wife. He can't do anything by himself!
14. Tommy didn't want to go to his cousin's birthday party, but his mom him go.
15. I can't believe the zoo keeper you feed the snake. That was so cool!
16. The contract was very detailed, and it was essential that the wording be absolutely correct. Therefore, I the translator recheck his work several times to make sure there would be no misunderstandings.
17. Cheryl didn't want to wash her car, so with a little smooth talk she her boyfriend to wash it for her.
18. If you ask me nicely, I'll you lick the bowl after I make the cookies.
19. Dr. Jackson the nurse monitor the patient's condition overnight.
20. The news coverage of the recent tornado was incredibly moving. The interview with the little boy who lost his family in the tragedy everyone cry.