

PASSIVE VOICE:

1. TURN FROM ACTIVE TO PASSIVE:

- a. An expert is restoring the antique car.
- b. Steven Spielberg has directed a lot of successful films.
- c. The judge has fined him £300.
- d. A number of reporters will meet the professor at the airport.
- e. A famous designer is going to redecorate the President's house.
- f. The Romans founded Bath in the first century A.D.
- g. A nightmare woke Mary up.
- h. Muslims celebrate Ramadan.
- i. Did Van Gogh paint "Sunflowers"?
- j. Could anyone buy these diamonds?
- k. Scientists might discover a cure for cancer.
- l. Someone should help the old woman across the street.
- m. They might have arrested the escaped prisoner.
- n. They should have provided more food at the reception.
- o. They ought to warn the public about him.
- p. They must bring their books to class.
- q. They could have written the answers more clearly.
- r. American planes dropped two atomic bombs on Japan in 1945.
- s. People can see the Everest from that window.
- t. They've repaired that car twice this year.
- u. I'm going to design a new type of chair.
- v. Everybody may read this book in many different languages.
- w. Bill had paid the bill.
- x. Has Dior designed your clothes?
- y. Nobody found the treasure.
- z. Do you have to mend your glasses?
- aa. They are building new roads all over the country.
- bb. They have just brought them dinner.
- cc. They have already taken a decision.
- dd. Have they lent her a fur coat?
- ee. Japanese have invented a faster computer.
- ff. How much money did they steal?

2. TURN FROM ACTIVE INTO PASSIVE. OMIT THE AGENT WHERE IT CAN BE OMITTED:

- a. They kill elephants for ivory.
- b. Homer wrote "The Iliad".
- c. People chop down a lot of trees every year.
- d. The government will introduce new measures against crime.
- e. Someone has burgled Ann's house.
- f. She offered me a cup of tea.
- g. They check passports at Passport Control.
- h. A million people visit the cathedral every year.
- i. Someone has stolen Mike's car.
- j. Anna forgave me for not calling her.

3. TURN THE FOLLOWING INTO THE PASSIVE IN TWO WAYS, IF POSSIBLE:

- a. They gave him a watch when he retired.
He...
A watch...
- b. They have offered him the job.
- c. She will send you a fax.
- d. They are going to show me a new technique.
- e. Someone would lend her a book.
- f. How much will they pay you?
- g. They are giving the students extra lessons.
- h. They have shown her the plans for the house.

- i. They should have sent you a receipt.
- j. My parents promised me a new computer for my birthday.
- k. My mum told me a tale at night when I was a child.
- l. We gave the police the information.
- m. Somebody paid the men £200.
- n. They had asked me some difficult questions at the interview.
- o. Jessica's colleagues gave her a present when she retired.
- p. Nobody told me that Michael was sick.
- q. I think they should have offered John the job.

4. TURN THE FOLLOWING INTO THE PASSIVE AS IN THE EXAMPLE:

- a. Journalists report that the President is ill.
It has been reported...
The President is reported...
- b. Everyone knows that the statement was untrue.
- c. Many people believe that the climate is changing.
- d. Everyone knows that he has been in prison.
- e. Many people say that the new prices are too high.
- f. They claim that this diamond costs £100,000.
- g. People expect him to win.
- h. They report that two people were injured in the explosion.
- i. They knew the crisis was in its last days.
- j. Teachers say that the present educational system has a number of failures.
- k. Everyone expects that the strike will end soon.
- l. Experts report that the building was badly damaged by the fire.
- m. The police think that the prisoner escaped by climbing over a wall.
- n. They say that the company is losing a lot of money.
- o. They believe that the company lost a lot of money last year.
- p. They expect that the company will lose money this year.
- q. They report that many people are homeless after the floods.

5. TURN THE FOLLOWING INTO THE PASSIVE CONSTRUCTION "HAVE (or GET) something DONE":

- a. A man is painting our house at the moment.
- b. They will make another key for me.
- c. They deliver the newspaper to my home everyday.
- d. The workers installed the air conditioning at our house last week.
- e. They haven't developed my film yet.
- f. They should clean her coat.
- g. That hairdresser cut my hair.
- h. The cleaning service at the hotel shined my shoes.
- i. The mechanics are fixing John's car.
- j. Someone stole all their money while they were on vacation.
- k. Bill's nose was broken in a fight.
- l. They turned off my electricity because I didn't pay the bill.
- m. The police took away Diane's passport.