

Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

1. They gave up the search after three hours.
2. They ought to have pointed that out to me at the very beginning.
3. No one brought up that question at the meeting.
4. Someone should look into the matter.
5. It was clear that the parents had brought the child up well.
6. We had to put off our visit until later.
7. I was shocked to hear that someone had broken into your house.
8. They gave me to understand that they would call on new services if they needed them.
9. Don't speak until someone speaks to you.
10. He will stop showing off if people take no notice of him.
11. His bank manager turned down his request for a loan.
12. They are putting up many new buildings in London.
13. You must account for every penny you spent.
14. They pointed out that no one could deal with the matter until they knew all the facts.
15. Someone hasn't stuck this stamp on very firmly.
16. Police had to break the meeting up.
17. Events will bear out the truth of what I'm saying.
18. An official held us up at the Customs for half an hour.
19. How can we bring about the desired result?
20. He hates people making fun of him. (Passive Gerund)

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I. Transform the sentences into the PASSIVE VOICE using the tenses in the brackets:

1. The police (interview) eyewitnesses for more than three hours. (Past Continuous)

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2. National Committee (nominate) the Chief Justice for the annual award. (Present Perfect)

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3. No one (speak) about the last night's incident. (Present Continuous)

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4. The appraiser (estimate) the value of the stolen painting at three million \$. (Past Perfect)

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5. The truckers' union (organize) a protest convoy last Monday. (Simple Past)

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II. Transform the following sentences into the passive voice using all objects that allow the transformation into subjects:

1. The president granted the new ambassadors their letters of credit.

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2. The Prime Minister gave the journalists an interesting interview.

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3. The jury is deciding about the defendant's guilt.

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4. The last witness has told us the real truth.

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III. Transform the following passive sentences into ACTIVE VOICE:

1. He has been proposed for this duty by the majority in the Parliament.

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2. Most of our laws were changed by the legislator in the past decade.

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3. He has been appointed to many important functions by several heads of state.

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PASSIVE – RJEŠENJA:

I. Transform the sentences into the PASSIVE VOICE using the tenses in the brackets:

1. The police was/were interviewing eyewitnesses for more than three hours.

*Eyewitnesses **were being interviewed** (by the police) for more than three hours.*

2. The National Committee has nominated the Chief Justice for the annual award

*The Chief Justice **has been nominated** for the annual award by the National Committee.*

3. No one is speaking about the last night's incident.

*The last night's incident **is not being spoken about** (by anyone).*

/The last night's incident is being spoken about by no one./

4. The appraiser had estimated the value of the stolen painting at three million \$.

*The value of the stolen painting **had been estimated** (by the appraiser) at three million \$*

5. The truckers' union organized a protest convoy last Monday.

*A protest convoy **was organized** (by the truckers' union) last Monday.*

II. Transform the following sentences into the passive voice using all objects that allow the transformation into subjects:

1. The president granted the new ambassadors their letters of credit.

*The new ambassadors **were granted** their letters of credit (by the President)*

*The/Their letters of credit **were granted** to the new ambassadors (by the President)*

2. The Prime Minister gave the journalists an interesting interview.

*The journalists **were given** an interesting interview (by the Prime Minister).*

*An interesting interview **was given** to the journalists (by the Prime Minister).*

3. The jury is deciding about the defendant's guilt.

*The defendant's guilt **is being decided about** (by the jury).*

4. The last witness has told us the real truth.

*We **have been told** the real truth (by the last witness).*

*The real truth **has been told** to us (by the last witness).*

II. Transform the following passive sentences into ACTIVE VOICE:

1. The majority in the Parliament has proposed him for this duty.
2. The legislator changed most of our laws in the past decade.
3. Several heads of state have appointed him to many important functions.