

# THE PASSIVE VOICE

Key answer

# ACTIVE

1- writes - is written

2- is cooking- is being cooked

3- broke – was broken

4- was sending- was being sent

5- has seen- has been seen

6- had broken – had been broken

7- will pay- will be paid

8- is going to read – is going to be read

9- may write- may be written

10- must have stolen- **must have been stolen**

11- to keep – **to be kept**

12- to have kept – **to have been kept**

13- Keeping- **being kept**

- 1- Much of London **was destroyed** by a fire in the seventeenth century. (Past Simple)
- 2- The man who **had been bitten** by a snake was given a serum. (Past Perfect)
- 3- A leader should be a man who can **be respected** (Infinitive)
- 4- Many slums **are being demolished** to make way for new buildings. (Present Continuous)
- 5- The police **are being instructed** to take firm action against hooligans. (Present Continuous)

- 6- He **was saved** from bankruptcy by the kindness of a friend. (Past Simple)
- 7- A cease-fire **is expected to be declared** later this week. (Present Simple / Infinitive)
- 8- A great deal of research **has been done** into the possible causes of cancer. (Present Perfect)
- 9- The worker claimed that he **was being victimized** by his employers. (Past continuous)
- 10- The tenant **was evicted** for not paying his rent. (Past Simple)

- 11- It **had been thought** that the Government would do something to help. (Past Perfect)
- 12- Three hundred new houses **will have been built** by the end of next year. (Future perfect)
- 13- Because of the strike, work on the building had to **be postponed**. (Infinitive)
- 14- The witness strongly objected to **being cross-examined** (Gerund)
- 15- **Having been threatened** by a blackmailer, he immediately informed the police. (Perfect Participle)

16- I'm not accustomed to **being treated** in that way  
(Gerund)

17- The passengers ought to **have been informed**  
that the train **had been withdrawn** from service.  
(Perfect Infinitive/ Past Perfect)

18- Customers **are asked** to ensure that they **are**  
**given** the correct change before leaving the shop,  
as mistakes cannot afterwards **be rectified**.  
(Present Simple / Present Perfect / Infinitive)

19- Was he very upset at **not being offered** the job?  
(Gerund)

20- The man was sent to prison for six month,  
**having been found** guilty of fraud. (Perfect  
Participle)

3)

1-The president is being interviewed on TV at the moment.

2-The post is delivered twice a day.

3-The old man was taken to hospital.

4-The traffic lights were being repaired yesterday.

5-This letter has been opened.

6-Taxes should be reduced.

7-Was the email sent? Who was the email sent by?

8-The thief wasn't caught.



4)

1- I think that we have been sent the wrong tickets.

I think that the wrong tickets have been sent **to** us.

2- I hope that Sally will be given the message.

I hope that the message will be given **to** Sally.

3- Women are still denied the right to vote in some countries.

The right to vote is still denied **to** women in some countries.

4- We may be shown the way by Pat.

The way may be shown **to** us by Pat.

5- The students are being taught biology by Professor Harrison.

Biology is being taught **to** the students by Professor Harrison.

5)

1- It is expected that the government will lose the election.

The government is expected to lose the election.

2- It is said that sunbathing causes cancer.

Sunbathing is said to cause cancer.

3- It is thought that the Queen of England is one of the richest women in the world.

The Queen of England is thought to be one of the richest women in the world.

4- It is believed that the president will resign.

The president is believed to resign.

5- It was said that he was jealous of her.

He was said to be jealous of her.

1- It was alleged that he was a bank robber.

He was alleged to be a bank robber.

2- It is said that he won a lot of money gambling.

He is said to have won a lot of money gambling.

1- It is believed that he is living abroad.

He is believed to be living abroad

2- It is reported that two people were killed in the explosion.

Two people are reported to have been killed in the explosion.

## HAVE SOMETHING DONE

1- I've been getting a lot of annoying calls, so the telephone company is going to change my number.

So I **am going to have my number changed** by the telephone company.

2- I didn't recognize Sheila. The hairdresser has dyed her hair.

**She has had her hair dyed** (by the hairdresser)

3- This room gets too hot when the sun shines so I'm getting someone to fit blinds on the windows.

**I'm having blinds fitted** on the windows.