

# Passive voice transformation exercise

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| <p>1</p> <p>The dustmen collect the rubbish every morning at 7 a.m.</p> <p>The rubbish is collected every morning at 7 a.m.</p>   | <p>2</p> <p>The president opened the new airport last week.</p> <p>The new airport was opened by the president last week.</p>   | <p>3</p> <p>Someone has stolen my wallet.</p> <p>My wallet has been stolen.</p>  |
| <p>4</p> <p>The police are questioning two men at the police station.</p> <p>Two men are being questioned at the police station.</p>                                    | <p>5</p> <p>We import all of our products from Switzerland.</p> <p>All of our products are imported from Switzerland.</p>   | <p>6</p> <p>Our workers make all of our bakery products from the finest natural ingredients.</p> <p>All of our bakery products are made from the finest natural ingredients.</p>               |
| <p>7</p> <p>They are going to build a new swimming pool next to the football stadium.</p> <p>A new swimming pool is going to be built next to the football stadium.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>We expect that the workers will complete the renovation work by the end of the month.</p> <p>The renovation work is expected to be completed by the end of the month.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>The police have arrested four men in connection with yesterday's robbery.</p> <p>Four men have been arrested in connection with yesterday's robbery.</p>                           |
| <p>10</p> <p>The garage mechanic is servicing my car, so I am taking the bus this week.</p> <p>My car is being serviced, so I am taking the bus this week.</p>          | <p>11</p> <p>I don't like people telling me I'm lazy.</p> <p>I don't like being told I'm lazy.</p>  | <p>12</p> <p>Unfortunately, our staff hadn't packed the goods properly, and they broke in transit.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the goods hadn't been packed properly, and they broke in transit.</p> |

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People around the world consume over 66 billion gallons of alcohol every year.

Over 66 billion gallons of alcohol is consumed every year around the world.

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The goods were damaged while the workers were unloading them from the truck.

The goods were damaged while they were being unloaded from the truck.

15

Someone will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel.

You will be met at the airport and taken to your hotel.

16

All customers must settle their bills within three days.

All bills must be settled within three days.

17

We will tow away (any) cars (that are) parked here.

Cars parked here will be towed away.

18

We are processing your request. Please wait.

Your request is being processed. Please wait.

19

The teacher has been teaching us grammar.

Trick question! Perfect continuous tenses have no passive voice. Say: we have been studying grammar.

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A large animal must have made the footprints.

The footprints must have been made by a large animal.

21

You must wear protective clothing in the testing area.

Protective clothing must be worn in the testing area.

22

If you do not settle the bill within three days, we will disconnect the electricity supply.

If the bill is not settled within three days, the electricity supply will be disconnected.

23

I was not happy when they told me they had lost my luggage.

I was not happy to be told my luggage had been lost.

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The Chinese invented the first toothbrushes in the 15th century. They were made of pig's bristles.

The first toothbrushes were invented by the Chinese in the 15th century. They made them of pig's bristles.