

Test 5 Passives (units 9-10)

Exercise 1

Cross out the mistake in each sentence and write the correction at the end

- 1 Nils ~~has been offered~~ a new job in Brazil. .... **had, been, offered**
- 2 Your parcel was been posted yesterday. ....
- 3 A new industrial site is be developed outside the town. ....
- 4 All the food at the reception was ate. ....
- 5 Gold is still produce in large quantities in South Africa. ....
- 6 Nothing will being decided before next week. ....
- 7 The presentation is giving at the Hotel Intercontinental. ....
- 8 I've just heard that Carla is been promoted to Marketing Director. ....
- 9 The introduction to the report was writing by the CEO. ....
- 10 Many customers are losing through poor after-sales service. ....

Exercise 2

Rewrite each sentence with a passive verb, without mentioning who did the action.

- 1 The authorities have closed the casino. .... **The casino has been closed.**
- 2 Someone broke into our house last week. ....
- 3 People all over the world speak English. ....
- 4 The local authorities have finally opened the new motorway. ....
- 5 Someone left this umbrella in reception. ....
- 6 The city council will ban all traffic from the city centre. ....
- 7 First we mix the two liquids, then we leave them for 24 hours. ....
- 8 The organisers are postponing the meeting. ....

Exercise 3

Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence and contains the word in brackets

- 1 They have just serviced all our machines. (had)  
We ..... **have just had all our machines serviced.**
- 2 Tomorrow they are repairing my car. (having)  
Tomorrow I .....  
3 They printed some business cards with the new logo. (had)  
We .....  
4 They are coming to clean the carpet tomorrow. (having)  
We .....  
5 They have just refused my request for credit. (had)  
I .....

Exercise 4

51 Underline the correct words in this article

A Race Against Time

Governments across Europe are already **(1) starting** being started to worry. Why? Because low birth rates combined with longer life expectancy **(2) mean** are meant that the Continent will soon have fewer people working and fewer people paying taxes. As a result, a whole range of measures must **(3) take** be taken to deal with the problems that this change in demographics **(4) will bring** will be brought.

At the recent Annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, a session called 'Reforming Pension Systems' **(5) look** place was taken place. The speaker, director of the population division of the United Nations, **(6) highlight** was highlighted that this is a global problem, not just a European one. However the facts cannot **(7) ignore** be ignored: the situation in Europe is particularly serious. Look at the findings of a recent European Commission study: Italy's population **(8) expect** is expected to drop from 58 million to 48 million by 2050. Spain's **(9) will fall** will be fallen from 40 million to 35 million, and Germany's from 82 million to 76 million. Sweden is one of the few countries where the population will probably **(10) increase** be increased. And as the populations get smaller, they are also getting older. From 2007 onwards an enormous part of Europe's population **(11) will start** will be started to retire. Solutions will have **(12) to find** to be found to deal with the problems that this will **(13) create** be created. Certainly governments must **(14) encourage** be encouraged private pension plans, and old-fashioned tax and social security models must **(15) look** be looked at in a completely new way. ■

Exercise 5

Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not mention who did the action.

- 1 Someone checked these figures for me last week.  
I ..... **had these figures checked** last week.
- 2 They grow much less coffee in Colombia these days.  
These days .....  
3 Someone delivered this package this morning.  
This package .....  
4 The city council is redeveloping the old docklands area.  
The old docklands area .....  
5 They've put up interest rates again.  
Interest rates .....  
6 We'll discuss your idea in the meeting tomorrow.  
Your idea .....  
7 The technician installed some new software on my PC yesterday.  
Yesterday I ..... **on my PC**.  
8 Tokyo is my place of birth.  
I ..... in Tokyo.  
9 When is your date of birth?  
When exactly ..... **born**?  
10 Someone stole Peter's car last week.  
..... stolen last week.  
11 Did anyone tell Alex about the meeting?  
..... about the meeting?  
12 Has anyone made a backup copy of this file?  
..... made?