

The PASSIVE

Form:

Intel produces millions of chips every year.	<i>Millions of chips _____ every year.</i>
Our supplier is shipping the goods next week.	<i>The goods _____ next week.</i>
The government raised interest rates by 1%.	<i>Interest rates _____ by 1%.</i>
He was asking me some difficult questions.	<i>I _____ some difficult questions.</i>
They have chosen the new design.	<i>The new design _____.</i>
Rosa will give a press briefing tomorrow.	<i>A press briefing _____ tomorrow.</i>
We can arrange a loan within six days.	<i>A loan _____ within six days.</i>
We may give you some new sales targets.	<i>You _____ some new sales targets.</i>

1. Complete the following text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

Manchester United: just a game of football?

Manchester United **is supposed to have** 1. / SUPPOSE, HAVE/ between 10 million and 30 million supporters throughout the world. In Norway, for example, one in every 140 people 2. _____ /SAY, BE/ a registered supporter. Ticket sales and merchandising contribute over half of the club's revenue, with television contributing a further 20%. But senior executives 3. _____ / KNOW, LOOK AT/ other ways to generate income at the moment. For example, the club 4. _____ / BELIEVE, DEVELOP/ e-commerce initiatives through a series of alliances. Costs at the club continue to increase. A few years ago the club 5. _____ / REPORT, SPEND/ £30m on a plan to expand the capacity of the stadium from 55,000 seats to 67,400 seats. But this 6. _____ / THINK, BE/ a good investment as it will generate nearly £7.5 million in additional turnover annually. The main costs at the club are the salaries for the players. Last year the team's captain 7. _____ /UNDERSTAND, NEGOTIATE/ four-year contract worth over eight figures.

2. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

1 David Gill from Marketing lent me this book.

_____ this book by DG from Marketing.

2 This sample was given to me at the Trade Fair.

_____ this sample at the Trade Fair.

3 They promised us delivery within two weeks of our order.

We _____ within two weeks of our order.

4 This order was sent to us through our website.

_____ this order through our website.

Reporting in the passive:

1. Yesterday we _____ wait here. /INSTRUCT/

2. In my previous job I _____ work late on several occasions. /ASK/

3. I _____ that everyone had passed. /TELL/

4. Some students _____ if they commuted to school. /ASK/

5. The rebels _____ be near the capital now. /REPORT/

6. He _____ have ordered the murder of a US citizen. /ALLEGE/

Passive in the continuous/progressive form:

Complete the sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs given:

1. I can't use my car this week. It's _____ . (repair)

2. The director says that too much money _____ administration. (spend on)

Change the active voice into the passive voice:

1. I think somebody is following us.

I think we _____.

2. They are not doing enough for the homeless.

Not enough _____.