

# The Passive Voice

CHANGE THE SENTENCES from active to passive. For example:

ACTIVE: Fleming discovered penicillin.  
PASSIVE: Penicillin was discovered by Fleming

It is not always necessary to mention the *subject* (for example, Fleming) in a passive sentence.

ACTIVE: They noticed a reduction in body temperature.  
PASSIVE: A reduction in body temperature was noticed.

1. Work carried out in the USA has influenced the development of the serum.  
PASSIVE: The development of the serum has been influenced by work carried out in the USA.
2. They injected the patient with morphine.  
PASSIVE: The patient was injected with morphine.
3. The doctor is using a bronchoscope to inspect the inside of the lungs.  
PASSIVE: A bronchoscope is being used by the doctor to inspect the inside of the lungs.
4. The police arrested him for misuse of drugs.  
PASSIVE: He was arrested for misuse of drugs.
5. They are going to refer the patient to a consultant.  
PASSIVE: The patient is going to be referred to a consultant.
6. The lab had found traces of the drug in the blood sample.  
PASSIVE: Traces of the drug had been found in the blood sample.
7. A blood clot blocked the artery.  
PASSIVE: The artery was blocked by a blood clot.
8. Refuse from the factories contaminated supplies of drinking water.  
PASSIVE: Supplies of drinking water were contaminated by refuse from the factories.
9. They can treat a high proportion of cancers by surgery.  
PASSIVE: A high proportion of cancers can be treated by surgery.
10. If gangrene sets in they will have to amputate his toes.  
PASSIVE: His toes will have to be amputated if gangrene sets in.
11. His doctor has banned him from drinking alcohol.  
PASSIVE: He has been banned from drinking alcohol.
12. Therapists sometimes hypnotize their patients.  
PASSIVE: Patients are sometimes hypnotized by their therapists.
13. That hospital is developing a new procedure for dealing with Parkinson's disease.  
PASSIVE: A new procedure for dealing with Parkinson's disease is being developed by the hospital.
14. You should heat the solution to 25°.  
PASSIVE: The solution should be heated to 25°.
15. The police rejected him because of his medical record.  
PASSIVE: He was rejected by the police because of his medical record.