

## Activities

## PASSIVE

1

Underline the verb forms which are not possible.

- My car has being stolen.
- Jack was borned on a Thursday.
- Then I realised that none of the guests had been sent an invitation.
- Mary's car is being serviced today.
- Your order will been sent as soon as possible.
- The hole in the road was being repaired when I came home.
- This swimming pool is used by over a thousand people each week.
- When was this church built?
- An address is writing on the back of the envelope.
- Customers are request to ask for a receipt.

2

Choose the most suitable tense.

- Their new house hasn't been finished / wasn't finished yet.
- The robbers were arrested / have been arrested as soon as they left the bank.
- Sue told us her baby is born / had been born two weeks earlier than expected.
- If there is too much snow, the match has been cancelled / will be cancelled.
- By the time we got there, the rain had stopped / had been stopped.
- When were you told / have you been told about the new rules?
- Most of the passengers were swimming / were swum easily to the shore.
- The winning horse was ridden / was riding by Pat Murphy.
- I looked again for the old man, but he was vanished / had vanished.
- I don't think that you will be asked / are being asked to show your passport.

3

Put each verb in brackets into a suitable passive tense.

- I'm sorry, madam, but this carpet (already sell) has already been sold.
- The old house on the corner (knock down) ..... last year.
- When exactly (John give) ..... his prize?
- Most people agree that America (not discover) ..... by Christopher Columbus.
- All complaints about products (deal with) ..... by our customer services department.
- Police confirmed that the murder weapon (since discover) ..... in a nearby lake.
- It (announce) ..... yesterday that the government has decided not to raise income tax.
- Good news! I (ask) ..... to take over as the new managing director.
- I don't believe that this play (write) ..... by Shakespeare.
- Ann really likes (invite) ..... to dinner parties.

4

Rewrite each sentence, putting the verb underlined in the passive where this is possible.

- I really like this hotel.  
..... not possible .....
- People ate most of the food at the party.  
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- Jane won the poetry competition.  
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- Peter's new car cost over £20,000.  
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- Martin always wears casual clothes.  
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- One of our visitors lost this cigarette lighter.  
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- They haven't decided the exact time of the match yet.  
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- Most of the guests had left the hotel by midday.  
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- Some parents read to their children every night.  
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- This bike belongs to my sister.  
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