

The Passive: Mixed Tenses

Change these sentences from active to passive:

1. People speak Portuguese in Brazil.

2. The Government is planning a new road near my house.

3. My grandfather built this house in 1943.

4. Picasso was painting Guernica at that time.

5. The cleaner has cleaned the office.

6. He had written three books before 1867.

7. John will tell you later.

8. By this time tomorrow we will have signed the deal.

9. Somebody should do the work.

10. The traffic might have delayed Jimmy.

11. Everybody loves Mr Brown.

12. They are building a new stadium near the station.

13. The wolf ate the princess.

14. At six o'clock someone was telling a story.

15. Somebody has drunk all the milk!

16. I had cleaned all the windows before the storm.

17. A workman will repair the computer tomorrow.

18. By next year the students will have studied the passive.

19. James might cook dinner.

20. Somebody must have taken my wallet.

Answers:

1. Portuguese is spoken in Brazil.
2. A new road is being planned near my house.
3. This house was built (by my grandfather) in 1943.
4. Guernica was being painted (by Picasso) at that time.
5. The office has been cleaned.
6. Three books had been written before 1867.
7. You will be told (by John) later.
8. By this time tomorrow the deal will have been signed.
9. The work should be done.
10. Jimmy might have been delayed (by the traffic).
11. Mr Brown is loved (by everybody).
12. A new stadium is being built near the station.
13. The princess was eaten (by the wolf).
14. At six o'clock a story was being told.
15. All the milk has been drunk!
16. All the windows had been cleaned (by me) before the storm.
17. The computer will be repaired tomorrow.
18. By next year the passive will have been studied (by the students).
19. Dinner might be cooked (by James).
20. My wallet must have been taken.