

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PASSIVE VOICE

• Rewrite the sentences in the passive.

1. Someone offered her a second-hand bicycle.

2. Children often look up to strict teachers.

3. People have come to recognize him as one of the best surgeons in the country.

• Use the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences.

4. When I woke up in hospital, I _____ by the snake but nothing after that.
(remember-bite)

5. Helen _____ for over three hours when she went for her dental appointment.
(keep-wait).

6. She phoned the police and _____ outside her home. (report-attack)

7. We _____ our passports at the border. (ask-show)

• Which of the verbs can complete the sentence? Underline one or both.

8. It has been *decided/suggested* to appoint Dr. Smith as head of the clinic.

9. It is *assumed/thought* that another Moon landing will take place next year.

10. It has been *discovered/said* how spiders are able to travel across the sea.

• Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

11.

A: The new hotel was opened from a TV star. Do you remember?

B: Oh yes, that's right. Someone from that Saturday soap opera, wasn't it?

12.

A: A lot of new buildings are built since then.

B: Yes, the Barton Hotel, for example.

13.

A: Why can't I use the computer?

B: Well, because it is repaired now.

14.

A: What did you do in Prague?

B: Well, it was given to us a guided tour of the city.