

XII THE PASSIVE AND THE CAUSATIVE

Rewrite these sentences beginning with the words provided.

1 The manager always welcomes new employees.
New employees are always welcomed by the manager.

2 They're building a new supermarket near the church.
A new supermarket is being built near the church.

3 They fought the battle in 1623.
The battle was fought in 1623.

4 Someone was cleaning the windows while I was there.
The windows were being cleaned while I was there.

5 Someone has moved my desk!
My desk has been moved!

6 They are taking the refugees to a camp outside the village.
The refugees are being taken to a camp outside the village.

Put in the correct forms, active or passive, of the verbs in brackets.

Lord Manners was a rich and famous banker. When he (*die*) **died** recently, he (*give*) **was given** a magnificent funeral which (*attend*) **was attended** by hundreds of famous people. The funeral was going to (*hold*) **be held** in Westminster Abbey. Many ordinary people (*line*) **lined** the streets to watch the procession. The wonderful black and gold carriage (*draw*) **was drawn** by six black horses. The mourners (*follow*) **followed** in silence. Lord Manners (*give*) **was given** a royal farewell. Two tramps were among the crowd. They (*watch*) **watched** the procession with amazement. As solemn music (*could hear*) **could be heard** in the distance, one of them (*turn*) **turned** to the other and (*whisper*) **whispered** in admiration, "Now that's what I call really living!".

Use the correct tenses and passive forms of the verbs in brackets.

Mermaids (*see*) **have been seen** by sailors for centuries. The basis of all mermaid myths (*suppose*) **is supposed** to be a creature called a Manatee: a kind of walrus! Mermaids used (*to show*) **to be shown** in funfairs until recently. It all began in 1817 when a "mermaid" (*buy*) **was bought** for \$6,000 by a sailor in the South Pacific. She (*eventually sell*) **was eventually sold** to the great circus-owner Barnum. She (*exhibit*) **was exhibited** in 1842 as "The Feejee Mermaid". It (*say*) **is/was said** that she earned Barnum \$1,000 a week! The thousands who saw this mermaid (*must/disappoint*) **must have been disappointed**. She (*cleverly make*) **was/had been cleverly made** by a Japanese fisherman. A monkey's head (*delicately sew*) **was/had been delicately sewn** to the tail of a large salmon. The job (*so skilfully do*) **was/had been so skilfully done** that the join between the fish and the monkey was invisible. Real imagination (*must/require*) **must have been required** to see this revolting creature as a beautiful mermaid combing her golden hair!

Supply the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 What are you doing? – I'm cleaning the car. (clean)
- 2 Where's your car? – It's being cleaned at the moment. I'll collect you in an hour. (clean)
- 3 I never find time to clean the car myself, so I have it cleaned. (clean)
- 4 Did you decorate the room yourselves? - No, we had it decorated. (decorate)
- 5 We can't use the living room. It's being decorated at the moment. (decorate)
- 6 You must have your shoes repaired. They look quite worn. (must/repair your shoes)
- 7 My shoes have just been repaired. It was an expensive job! (just repair)
- 8 The heel came off my shoe and I repaired it myself. (repair)
- 9 "I'd like (to have) this film developed and printed," I said. "Certainly," the assistant said. (develop and print)
- 10 "Can I use the photocopier to photocopy this document?" I asked. (photocopy)
- 11 Who mends the children's clothes, in this house? - Who do you think? I do! (mend)
- 12 What's happened to my report? – It's being photocopied at the moment. (photocopy)

Put in causative forms for the verbs in brackets.

The more you own, the more there is to go wrong. You invest in a new hi-fi system and in no time you have to (*it repair*) have/get it repaired. You (*a new washing machine install*) have/get a new washing machine installed and you have to buy expensive insurance to maintain it. You buy a car and need to (*it service*) have/get it serviced regularly. You buy a camera and then spend a fortune (*films develop and print*) having/getting films developed and printed. It's not only things that need constant attention. How often we have to (*our eyes test*) have/get our eyes tested, (*our teeth fill*) (have/get) our teeth filled and (*our chests X-ray*) (have/get) our chests X-rayed! But I had to smile last time I went to (*my hair cut*) have/get my hair cut. A bold notice in the window announced: "All our customers promptly executed!" You certainly wouldn't need to (*any jobs do*) have/get any jobs done after that!