

PASSIVE VOICE, B2

- I.** Using the passive form of the underlined verb phrases, make the necessary changes to the sentences. Include the agent, unless it is in brackets.
1. Local communities can make simple changes to aid biodiversity, according to Shalmi (2012).
 2. Most people would prefer (the relevant authorities) to consult them before a flight path is permanently re-routed over the area where they live.
 3. Middleton (2011) argues that better quality healthcare could prevent more than 100,000 deaths per year in the UK.
 4. Holstein (2009) describes (an official) questioning him for three hours in a threatening manner at Los Angeles International Airport.
 5. BAA are piloting a system that will allow (officials) to examine hand luggage more efficiently.
 6. If an accident victim is unconscious, (someone) should check his or her breathing regularly.
- II.** Rewrite the sentences, starting with the word(s) in brackets. Do not include the agent.
1. Officials have estimated that the cost of repairing the fire damage to the port will be £60m. (It...)
 2. There are reports that oil companies are exploring parts of Antarctica. (Oil companies...)
 3. Most people believe that Athens in Greece is the site of the first democracy. (Athens...)
 4. People think that Juan Olmo, who died in 2009, was Europe's most skilful brain surgeon. (Juan Olmo...)
 5. A journalist claimed that the drug had been tested on soldiers without their knowledge. (It...)
 6. Commentators say that passengers on the new jet experience a slight feeling of weightlessness. (Passengers...)
- III.** Complete the text using passive phrases of the verbs below. Two of them are not needed.

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confine diagnose entitle locate

Patients who 1 _____ bipolar often face a frustrating search for suitable treatment. Serious side effects 2 _____ some of the most frequently prescribed medications, and this leads some patients to discontinue the drugs. In trying to take control of their lives, they may 3 _____ non-compliant, especially by doctors without specialist training. Patients 4 _____ a free consultation with a psychiatrist, but often this entails a long wait, during which the condition can worsen. In the worst cases, the person may need 5 _____ an in-patient facility, and perhaps even 6 _____ a secure ward in a psychiatric hospital. These psychiatric hospitals tend 7 _____ some distance from the patient's home, increasing the sense of isolation and betrayal.