Test your knowledge of active and	passive voice with this	s grammar	exercise.	Each s	entence g	given
below is in the active voice. Chang	e it into passive voice.					

1. A song	by him.
sung	
sang	
is sung	
2. The spiderboy.	by the
killed	
was killed	
killing	
3. Let him	
be helping	

be helped
4. Maize in the rainy
season.
sown
is sowing
is sown
5. Is a letter by you?
been writing
writing
being written
6. A canal by the workers.

was digging
was being dug
been dug
7. The job (by me) by the end of this week.
will finish
will be finished
will be finishing
8. Has your job by you?
been finished
finished
been finishing

9. He of his mother's death.
has informed
has been informed
was informing
10. All the necessary precautions by them.
were taking
were taken
have taken

# **Answers**

- 1. A song is sung by him. (Active verb sings; passive verb is sung)
- 2. The spider was killed by the boy. (Active verb killed; passive verb was killed)
- 3. Let him be helped. (Imperative sentences in the passive voice begin with let.)

- 4. Maize is sown in the rainy season. (Active verb sow; passive verb is/are sown)
- 5. Is a letter being written by you? (Active verb is/are writing; passive verb is/are being written)
- 6. A canal was being dug by the workers. (Active verb was/were digging; passive verb was/were being dug)
- 7. The job will be finished (by me) by the end of this week. (Active verb will finish; passive verb –will be finished)
- 8. Has your job been finished by you? (Active verb has/have finished; passive verb has/have been finished)
- 9. He has been informed of his mother's death. (Active verb has/have informed; passive verb has/have been informed)
- 10. All the necessary precautions were taken by them. (Active verb took; passive verb was/were taken)