

Passive Voice Exercise

Passive verb forms are used to say what happens to people and things. Note all verbs can have passive forms. Passive structures are impossible with intransitive verbs because they do not have objects. Some transitive verbs are also not used in the passive.

This grammar exercise tests your understanding of passive structures.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate passive form.

1. She likes

being looking at

being looked at

been looked at

2. The table up for firewood.

was broken

was breaking

broke

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3. The roof by the masons.

is repairing

is being repaired

is being repairing

4. This bag of leather.

Is making

is made

made

5. The walls

are still painting

are still being painted

are still being painting

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6. Their house

has sold

has been selling

has been sold

7. The contractor said that the project
..... by Monday.

will finish

would finish

would be finished

8. These tablets with food.

must take

must be taken

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must be taking

9. The parcel by courier yesterday.

is sent

was sent

was sending

10. Your life by this book.

will change

will be changing

will be changed

11. This last week.

should be done

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should have been done

should do

12. I by his attitude.

shocked

was shocking

was shocked

Answers

1. She likes being looked at.
2. The table was broken up for firewood.
3. The roof was being repaired by the masons.
4. This bag is made of leather.
5. The walls are still being painted.
6. Their house has been sold.
7. The contractor said that the project would be finished by Monday.
8. These tablets must be taken with food.
9. The parcel was sent by courier yesterday.
10. Your life will be changed by this book.
11. This should have been done last week.
12. I was shocked by his attitude.