# Special Passive Constructions <u>ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS</u>

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1 La forma pasiva -ing

#### Transforma estas oraciones:

1 The nurses call him "Billy"He doesn't like...BEING CALLED.. 'Billy'.2 They tell him he's difficult.He's tired of...BEING TOLD. he's difficult.3 A doctor examines him every month.He hates BEING EXAMINED every month

### 2 <u>Verbo pasivo + infinitivo con TO</u>

#### Transforma estas oraciones.

People know that Bill is very independent BILL IS KNOWN TO BE VERY INDEPENDENT
 People say that Bill has no brothers or sisters BILL IS SAID TO HAVE NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS
 People think that Bill had a difficult childhood. BILL IS THOUGHT TO HAVE HAD A DIFFICULT CHILDHOOD

3 It's said ... It's known ... It's reported ...etc.

#### Escribe estas frases, Utilizando It's + un verbo pasivo

People think that many old people die because no-one looks after them.
 IT IS THOUGHT THAT MANY OLD PEOPLE DIE BECAUSE NO-ONE LOOKS AFTER THEM
 The authorities have announced that more old people's homes will be built.
 IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT MORE OLD PEOPLE HOMES WILL BE BUILT
 People hope that the situation will improve.
 IT IS HOPED THAT THE SITUATION WILL IMPROVE

#### 4 <u>Be supposed to</u>

#### Rewrite the sentences, using be supposed to.

Bill has to get up at 6.30 a.m. - that's the rule BILL IS SUPPOSED TO GET UP AT 6.30 A.M.
 Bill sometimes smokes, but smoking isn't permitted. BILL ISN'T SUPPOSED TO SMOKE
 People say the nurses at Merrifield are nice. THE NURSES AT MERRYFIELD ARE SUPPOED TO BE NICE

5 <u>He was given .../He's been offered ..., etc.</u>

Transforma estas frases:

The authorities have sent Bill a letter saying he must leave
 BILL HAS BEEN SENT A LETTER SAYING HE MUST LEAVE
 A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO BILL SAYING HE MUST LEAVE
 They've offered Bill a better room at the new home
 BILL HAS BEEN OFFERED A BETTER ROOM AT THE NEW HOME
 A BETTER ROOM HAS BEEN OFFERED TO BILL AT THE NEW HOME
 They say they'll give him the kind of food he likes.
 THEY SAY HE WILL BE GIVEN THE KIND OF FOOD HE LIKES.
 IT IS SAID THAT HE WILL BE GIVEN THE KIND OF FOOD HE LIKES.
 HE IS SAID TO BE GOING BE GIVEN THE KIND OF FOOD HE LIKES.
 THEY SAY THE KIND OF FOOD HE LIKES WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM.
 IT IS SAID THAT THE KIND OF FOOD HE LIKES WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM.
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### PASIVA-EJERCICIOS

#### The passive and the agent (A) Laura is writing to a friend. This is part of her letter.

Someone broke into our house at the weekend. The burglar took some jewellery. But luckily he didn't do any damage. A very nice young police officer interviewed me. Detectives found some fingerprints, and the police computer identified the burglar. Police have arrested a man and are questioning him. But they haven't found the jewellery.

#### Now complete the passive sentences in this. conversation. Use a phrase with by only if it adds information

Laura: Our house <u>HAS BEEN</u> broken into at the weekend. Melanie: Oh no! Laura: Some jewellery <u>HAS BEEN STOLEN</u> (1) But luckily no damage <u>HAS BEEN DONE</u> (2) Melanie: Did the police come and see you? Laura: Yes, they did. I <u>HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED</u> (3) Melanie: I don't suppose they know who did it. Laura: Well, amazingly they do. Some <u>FINGERPRINTS HAVE BEEN FOUND</u> (4), and the <u>BURGLAR HAS</u> <u>BEEN IDENTIFIED</u> (5) A man <u>HAS BEEN ARRESTED</u> (6) and <u>IS BEING OUESTIONED</u> (7) Melanie: Wonderful. Laura: There's only one problem. The <u>JEWELLERY HAS NOT BEEN FOUND</u> (8)

Active or passive sentence?

## Write a paragraph from the notes about the first motor car. Some sentences are active and some are passive. Use a phrase with *by* only if it adds information.

a Belgian called Etienne Lenoir / make / the first motor	The first motor car was made by a Belgian called
car	Etienne Lenoir.
but / Lenoir / not produce / many cars / for sale	But Lenoir DID NOT PRODUCE MANY CARS FOR SALE
a German called Karl Benz / start / commercial	Commercial PRODUCTION WAS STARTED BY A
production	GERMAN CALLED KARL BENZ
people / now / see / Benz / as the father / of the	Benz IS NOW SEEN AS THE FATHER OF THE MOTOR
motor car	CAR

Empty subjects

#### Reply to what people say. Use the subject in brackets.

Daniel: The bus fares have been increased, (they) Vicky: What? You mean *they've increased the bus fares* again!

Melanie: Bicycles should be used for short journeys, (people)
 David: Yes, I agree, PEOPLE SHOULD USE BICYCLES FOR SHORT JOURNEYS
 Emma: A new source of energy has been discovered, (someone)
 Daniel: What? Did you say that SOMEONE HAS DISCOVERED A NEW SOURCE OF ENERGY
 Rachel: This building is going to be knocked down. (they)
 Vicky: Well, no one told me that THEY ARE GOING TO KNOCK THIS BUILDING DOWN
 4 David: Eggs shouldn't be kept in a freezer, (you)
 Tom: Really? I didn't know YOU DON'T KEEP EGGS IN A FREEZER
 5 Vicky: Why isn't litter put in the bin? (people)
 Emma: Exactly. Why don't PEOPLE PUT LITTER IN THE BIN?

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1 Mireille Lavoisier was a famous French film star in the 1930s. These were her likes and dislikes. Make passive sentences. Example: She liked people giving her flowers. She liked being given flowers. 1 She enjoyed people taking her to the cinema to see her films. SHE ENJOYED BEING TAKEN TO THE CINEMA TO SEE HER FILMS 2 She didn't like people asking how old she was. SHE DIDN'T LIKE BEING ASKED HOW OLD SHE WAS 3 She hated people seeing her when she wasn't wearing any make-up. SHE HATED BEING SEEN WHEN SHE WASN'T WEARING ANY MAKE-UP 4 She was afraid of people forgetting her when she was dead. SHE WAS AFRAID OF BEING FORGOTTEN WHEN SHE WAS DEAD 2 Rewrite these sentences without changing the meaning. Example: It's reported that an earthquake has hit the coast of Sumatra. An earthquake is reported to have hit the coast of Sumatra. 1 At first it was said that no-one had been killed. AT FIRST NO ONE WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN KILLED 2 But now it's thought that 250 people have died in the earthquake. BUT NOW, 250 PEOPLE ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE DIED 3 It's expected that the death toll will rise. THE DEATH TOLL IS EXPECTED TO RISE 4 It's reported that three coastal villages have disappeared completely. THREE COASTAL VILLAGES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY

#### 3 Rewrite the sentences, using be supposed to

1They say British people are careful drivers BRITISH PEOPLE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CAREFUL DRIVERS 2 When you drive in Britain, you have to wear a seat belt. WHEN YOU DRIVE IN BRITAIN, YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS 3 It's not advisable to drink and drive. YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO DRINK AND DRIVE 4 You aren't allowed to park on the pavement YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO PARK ON THE PAVEMENT 4 Make these sentences passive. (Two passives) 1 We don't pay nurses much money. A NURSES ARE NOT PAID MUCH MONEY **B NOT MUCH MONEY IS PAID TO NURSES** 2 The government's offering them a 1% pay rise. A THEY ARE BEING OFFERED A 1% PAY RISE BY THE GOVERNMENT B A 1% PAY RISE IS BEING OFFERED TO THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT 3 The Minister has promised them a further rise next year. A THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED A FURTHER RISE NEXT YEAR BY THE MINISTER B A FURTHER RISE NEXT YEAR HAS BEEN PROMISED TO THE BY THE MINISTER 4 She might give them a 2% rise then. A THEY MIGHT BE GIVEN A 2% RISE THEN **B A 2% RISE MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THEM THEN** 5 The nurses have sent the Minister a letter.

A THE MINISTER HAS BEEN SENT A LETTER BY THE NURSES

B A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO THE MINISTER BY THE NURSES

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#### 5.-I was given ...

Zedco managers are writing a report saying how well the company looks after its employees. Write sentences from the notes. Put the important <u>underlined</u> information at the end of the sentence.

1. <u>useful work skills</u> / they are taught to our staff

- Our stuff are taught useful work skills
- 2. people with initiative / they are given opportunities
- Opportunities ARE GIVEN TO PEOLPLE WITH INITIATIVE
- 3. <u>special training</u> / it is given to new employees
- NEW EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN SPECIAL TRAINING

4. <u>staff who perform well</u> / they are given extra payments

- EXTRA PAYMENTS ARE GIVEN TO THE STAFF WHO PERFORM WELL
- 5. <u>company shares</u> / they are offered to most employees
- MOST EMPLOYEES ARE OFFERED COMPANY SHARES
- 6. <u>six weeks' holiday</u> / this is allowed to all Zedco staff
- ALL ZEDCO STAFF ARE ALLOWED A SIX WEEKS' HOLIDAY

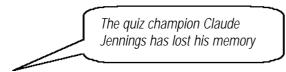
7. women who leave to have children / they are paid a full salary

A FULL SALARY IS PAID TO WOMEN WHO LEAVE TO HAVE CHILDREN

#### $2\ \mbox{lt}$ is said that... /He is said that...

Report these rumours. Instead of the active (e.g. *People say* ...) use the passive (e.g. *It is said that*... and He is said that).

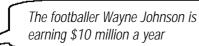
People say this



Everyone expect this



Journalists suppose so



Lots of people believe this

The Prime Minister and his wife have separated

1.- It is said <u>THAT THE QUIZ CHAMPION CLAUDE</u> JENNINGS HAS LOST HIS MEMORY

2.- The quiz champion Claude Jennings <u>IS SAID TO</u> <u>HAVE LOST HIS MEMORY</u>

 It <u>IS EXPECTED THAT THE SOAP OPERA "ROUND</u> <u>THE CORNER" WILL END NEXT YEAR</u>
 <u>THE SOAP OPERA "ROUND THE CORNER" IS</u> <u>EXPECTED TO END NEXT YEAR</u>

 It <u>IS SUPPOSED THAT THE FOOTBALLER WAYNE</u> <u>JOHNSON IS EARNING \$10 MILLION A YEAR</u>
 <u>THE FOOTBALLER WAYNE JOHNSON IS SUPPOSED</u> <u>TO BE EARNING \$10 MILLION A YEAR</u>

 It <u>IS BELIEVED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND</u> <u>HIS WIFE HAVE SEPARATED</u>
 <u>THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE ARE</u> <u>BELIEVED TO HAVE SEPARATED</u>