

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

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 Verbo pasivo + infinitivo con TO

Transforma estas oraciones.

- 1 People know that Bill is very independent **BILL IS KNOWN TO BE VERY INDEPENDENT**
- 2 People say that Bill has no brothers or sisters **BILL IS SAID TO HAVE NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS**
- 3 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

- 1 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
- 2 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
- 3 People hope that the situation will improve.
IT IS HOPED THAT THE SITUATION WILL IMPROVE

4 Be supposed to

Rewrite the sentences, using be supposed to.

- 1 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.**
- 2 Bill sometimes smokes, but smoking isn't permitted. **BILL ISN'T SUPPOSED TO SMOKE**
- 3 People say the nurses at Merrifield are nice. **THE NURSES AT MERRYFIELD ARE SUPPOSED TO BE NICE**

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

Transforma estas frases:

- 1 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
- 2 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
- 3 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.
-THE KIND OF FOOD HE LIKES IS SAID TO BE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO HIM.

Special Passive Constructions
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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 HAS BEEN broken into at the weekend.

Melanie: Oh no!

Laura: Some jewellery HAS BEEN STOLEN (1) But luckily no damage HAS BEEN DONE (2)

Melanie: Did the police come and see you?

Laura: Yes, they did. I HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED (3)

Melanie: I don't suppose they know who did it.

Laura: Well, amazingly they do. Some FINGERPRINTS HAVE BEEN FOUND (4), and the BURGLAR HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED (5)

A man HAS BEEN ARRESTED (6) and IS BEING QUESTIONED (7)

Melanie: Wonderful.

Laura: There's only one problem. The JEWELLERY HAS NOT BEEN FOUND (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 car	The first <i>motor car</i> was made by a Belgian called 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 production	Commercial PRODUCTION WAS STARTED BY A GERMAN CALLED KARL BENZ
people / now / see / Benz / as the father / of the motor car	Benz IS NOW SEEN AS THE FATHER OF THE MOTOR 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!

1 Melanie: Bicycles should be used for short journeys, (people)

David: Yes, I agree, **PEOPLE SHOULD USE BICYCLES FOR SHORT JOURNEYS**

2 Emma: A new source of energy has been discovered, (someone)

Daniel: What? Did you say that **SOMEONE HAS DISCOVERED A NEW SOURCE OF ENERGY**

3 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?**

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***

1 They 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 MONEYB 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 GOVERNMENTB 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 MINISTERB A FURTHER RISE NEXT YEAR HAS BEEN PROMISED TO THEM BY THE MINISTER

4 She might give them a 2% rise then.

A THEY MIGHT BE GIVEN A 2% RISE THENB 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 NURSESB 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 underlined information at the end of the sentence.

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

Our staff are taught useful work skills

2. people with initiative / they are given opportunities

Opportunities **ARE GIVEN TO PEOPLE WITH INITIATIVE**

3. special training / it is given to new employees

NEW EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN SPECIAL TRAINING

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

EXTRA PAYMENTS ARE GIVEN TO THE STAFF WHO PERFORM WELL

5. company shares / they are offered to most employees

MOST EMPLOYEES ARE OFFERED COMPANY SHARES

6. six weeks' holiday / 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 It 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

The quiz champion Claude Jennings has lost his memory

- 1.- It is said **THAT THE QUIZ CHAMPION CLAUDE JENNINGS HAS LOST HIS MEMORY**

- 2.- The quiz champion Claude Jennings **IS SAID TO HAVE LOST HIS MEMORY**

Everyone expect this

The soap opera "Round the corner" will end next year

- 1.- It **IS EXPECTED THAT THE SOAP OPERA "ROUND THE CORNER" WILL END NEXT YEAR**

- 2.- **THE SOAP OPERA "ROUND THE CORNER" IS EXPECTED TO END NEXT YEAR**

Journalists suppose so

The footballer Wayne Johnson is earning \$10 million a year

- 1.- It **IS SUPPOSED THAT THE FOOTBALLER WAYNE JOHNSON IS EARNING \$10 MILLION A YEAR**

- 2.- **THE FOOTBALLER WAYNE JOHNSON IS SUPPOSED TO BE EARNING \$10 MILLION A YEAR**

Lots of people believe this

The Prime Minister and his wife have separated

- 1.- It **IS BELIEVED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE HAVE SEPARATED**

- 2.- **THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SEPARATED**