***Practice about the passive voice***

**Exercise 01: put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.**

1. It is a big factory. Five hundred people …………..(employ) there.
2. Water ……………( cover ) most of the Earth's surface.
3. Most of the Earth's surface ……………. ( cover ) by water.
4. The park gates ……………. ( lock ) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
5. The letter …………. ( post ) a week ago and it …………. ( arrive ) yesterday.
6. The boat ……….. ( sink ) quickly but fortunately everybody ……….( rescue ).
7. Ron's parents…………( die ) when he was very young. He and his sister …….. ( bring ) up by their grandparents.
8. I was born in London but I ………….( grow ) up in the north of England.
9. While I was on holiday, my camera …………. ( steal ) from my hotel room.
10. While I was on holiday, my camera ………… ( disappear ) from my hotel room.
11. Why …………( Sue/resign ) from her job ? Didn't she enjoy it ?
12. Why ………….. ( Bill/sack ) from his job ? What did he do wrong ?
13. The company is not independent. It……….. ( own ) by a much larger company.
14. I saw an accident last night. Somebody ………….( call ) an ambulance but nobody ………… ( injure ) so the ambulance ……….( not/need ).
15. Where ………. ( these photographs/take ) ? In London ? ……….. ( you/take ) them ?

**Exercise 02: Choose the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

Fiat 0 …………… (started/was started) by a group of Italian business men in 1899. In 1903, Fiat, 1 …………………. (produced/was produced) 132 cars. Some of these cars 2 …………………… (exported/were exported) by the company to the United States and Britain. In 1920, Fiat 3 ……………………..(started/was started) making cars at a new factory at Lingotto, near Turin. There was a track on the roof where the cars 4 ………………… (tested/were tested) by technicians. In 1936, Fiat launched the Fiat 500. This car 5 …………………….. (called/was called) the Topolino – the Italian name for Mickey Mouse. The company grew, and in 1963 Fiat 6 …………………… (exported/was exported) more than 300,000 vehicles. Today, Fiat is based in Turin, and its cars 7 …………….. (sold/are sold) all over the world.

**Exercise 03:**

1. **put the following sentences into the passive voice**
2. **Someone stole some top-secret documents from the Secretariat.**
3. **No one has used the building for the last fifty years.**
4. People will forget this incident in a few years' time.
5. You must not take the joke too seriously.
6. She hurt her leg in the match.
7. Someone told them to go away.
8. He had not touched the jewels.
9. Will they round up the cattle ?
10. Who can repair this broken chair ?
11. What ought they to do about this affair ?
12. Will somebody show the visitors round the garden?

**b) Write in the active:**

1. We are taught grammar by Ms Sullivan.
2. The injured were taken to the hospital by the firemen.
3. The town was destroyed by an earthquake.
4. The teacher was pleased with the boy’s work.
5. By whom were you taught French?
6. You will be given a ticket by the manager.

**Exercise 04: Write these sentences in another way, beginning in the way shown.**

1. They did not give me the information I needed.

I was not given the information I needed.

1. They asked me some difficult questions at the interview.

I …………………………………………………………

1. Amy’s colleagues gave her a present when she retired.

Amy……………………………………………………………

1. Nobody told me about the meeting.

I was not…………………………………………………………

1. How much will they pay you for your work?

How much will you ………………………….

1. I think they should have offered Tom the job.

I think Tom…………………………………….

1. Has anybody shown you what to do?

Have you…………………………………….?

**Exercise 05: Put into the passive**

1. I want someone to post this is letter immediately.  
2. She would like somebody to read to her.  
3. I do not like people laughing at him.

4. You do not really need to store all those files in the same folder.

5. They advised employing part-time workers.

6. They recommended opening new factories in the depressed area.

7. They suggested making the tests easier.

8. He agreed to stop the war.

9. The teacher tended to ignore bad students.

**Exercise 06: Write these sentences in another way, beginning as shown. Use the underlined word each time.**

1. It is expected that the strike will end soon.

The strike is expected to end soon.

1. It is expected that the weather will be good tomorrow.

The weather is ……………………………………………..

1. It is believed that the thieves got in through a window in the roof.

The thieves …………………………………………………………….

1. It is reported that many people are homeless after the floods.

Many people ………………………………………….……………….

1. It is thought that the prisoner escaped by climbing over a wall.

The prisoner ………………………………………………………..

1. It is alleged that the man was driving at 110 miles an hour.

The man …………………………………………………………

1. It is reported that the building has been badly damaged by the fire.

The building ……………………………………………………….

1. It is said that the company is losing a lot of money.

The company ……………………………………………………….

1. It is believed that the company lost a lot of money last year.

The company ……………………………………………………..

1. It is expected that the company will make a loss this year.

The company ……………………………………………………….

**Exercise 07: put into the passive**

1. People say he is one of the best surgeons in this country.  
……………………………………………………………………  
2. Newspapers reported two of American marines had been killed.  
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3. Someone had td to take care of the garden.  
……………………………………………………………………  
4.the removal men are carrying the boxes into the van.  
……………………………………………………………………  
5. When are they supposed to return the books to the library?  
……………………………………………………………………

6. What at time are they going to bring in their luggage?

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7. Will they serve us well?  
……………………………………………………………………  
8. How long have you shared the secret between you?  
……………………………………………………………………  
9. The BBC site has confirmed the disappearance of two of their reporters in Africa.  
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10. Jenny does not let her chidden play near the pool.  
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11. They are to disclose the facts tomorrow morning.  
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12. Everybody knows he painted real masterpieces.  
……………………………………………………………………  
13.Who has caught the thief?  
……………………………………………………………………  
 14. The authorities should deal with the problem as soon as possible.  
……………………………………………………………………  
15. People ought not to speak about such things in public.  
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16.What can men do about this?  
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