

## Passive voice key word sentence transformations Cambridge First Use of English Part Four

*For questions 20-32, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given.*

*All the answers should be in the passive voice. Use the examples to make a rule for forming the passive voice and as many different forms of that as possible, then use that to check your answers.*

*If your teacher tells you to, name the different passive voice forms (tenses etc). Some forms have more than one example.*

*Match them to these names, then check that they follow the right pattern to match that name:*

- Future Passive
- Modals plus passive
- Passive infinitive
- Passive Present Participle
- Past Continuous Passive
- Past Perfect Passive
- Past Simple Passive
- Present Continuous Passive
- Present Perfect Passive
- Present Simple Passive

*Check with the answer key, then use that to check your rule and example patterns of passive voice.*

Everyone says that another pandemic is inevitable.

SAID

One \_\_\_\_\_ be inevitable.

In most experts' opinions, aliens exist extremely far away and so cannot contact us.

THOUGHT

Aliens \_\_\_\_\_ far away to be able to contact us.

At present, construction of the new palace is underway on the outskirts of the city.

CURRENTLY

The new palace \_\_\_\_\_ on the outskirts of the city.

Hundreds of ceremonies took place when the festival was on.

WERE

Several \_\_\_\_\_ the festival.

At that moment, the conductor of the orchestra was a young child.

BEING

At that moment, the orchestra \_\_\_\_\_ a young child.

We have postponed the conference and it will now take place in 2031.

PUT

The conference \_\_\_\_\_ 2031.

Before that, there was a blockage in the pipe caused by cooking fat.

BEEN

The pipe \_\_\_\_\_ cooking fat.

Permission for us to knock down the castle is due soon.

GIVEN

We \_\_\_\_\_ knock down the castle soon.

At that time, our campaign had the support of a team of five people.

BE

Our campaign used \_\_\_\_\_ a team of five people.

I'm sure my dad put those valuable old comics in the bin.

THROWN

Those valuable old comics must \_\_\_\_\_ by my dad.

Steve definitely didn't climb that wall.

HAVE

That wall \_\_\_\_\_ by Steve.

Every rat loves it if you tickle it under the chin.

BEING

All \_\_\_\_\_ under the chin.

### **Suggested answers**

*Other answers may be correct, so please check if you wrote something different. The numbers in brackets () are the scores for each half of the answer.*

#### **Present Simple Passive**

Everyone says that another pandemic is inevitable.

SAID

One more pandemic (1) is said to (1) be inevitable.

In most experts' opinions, aliens exist extremely far away and so cannot contact us.

THOUGHT

Aliens are thought to (1) exist too (1) far away to be able to contact us.

#### **Present Continuous Passive**

At present, construction of the new palace is underway on the outskirts of the city.

CURRENTLY

The new palace is currently (1) being constructed (1) on the outskirts of the city.

#### **Past Simple Passive**

Hundreds of ceremonies took place when the festival was on.

WERE

Several hundred ceremonies (1) were held during (1) the festival.

#### **Past Continuous Passive**

At that moment, the conductor of the orchestra was a young child.

BEING

At that moment, the orchestra was being (1) conducted by (1) a young child.

#### **Present Perfect Passive**

We have postponed the conference and it will now take place in 2031.

PUT

The conference has been put (1) off until (1) 2031.

#### **Past Perfect Passive**

Before that, there was a blockage in the pipe caused by cooking fat.

BEEN

The pipe had been (1) blocked by (1) cooking fat.

#### **Future Passive**

Permission for us to knock down the castle is due soon.

GIVEN

We will be given (1) permission to (1) knock down the castle soon.

**Passive infinitive**

In those days, our campaign had the support of a team of five people.

BE

Our campaign used to be (1) supported by (1) a team of five people.

**Modals plus passive**

I'm sure my dad put those valuable old comics in the bin.

THROWN

Those valuable old comics must have been (1) thrown away (1) by my dad.

Steve definitely didn't climb that wall.

HAVE

That wall can't have (1) been climbed (1) by Steve.

**Passive Present Participle**

Every rat loves it if you tickle it under the chin.

BEING

All rats love (1) being tickled (1) under the chin.