

Active and Passive Voice

Change these passive sentences into active ones. (Sometimes you will need to invent who is doing the action.)

- a) The old school was demolished by the council soon after the war.
- b) This report was written by Inspector Trilby.
- c) Fuller was interrogated by the police for three hours.
- d) Drinking water must be given to cats by their owners.
- e) New students will be provided with time-tables and stationery.
- f) Autobiographies of celebrities are written by anonymous ghost-authors.

Change these active sentences into passive ones.

- a) Charles Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol*.
- b) Mo Farah won two gold medals for long distance running in the 2012 Olympics.
- c) Volunteers staff all the charity shops in this town.
- d) Everyone was looking for the lost puppy.
- e) Lack of fruit and vegetables in the diet can bring about health problems.
- f) The School Council will give careful consideration to all sensible suggestions.

Rewrite this passage using mainly passive verbs.

An official escorted Mrs Decker to the coach where he seated her at the front. He also gave her maps and pamphlets to read; a specialist chef had prepared a packed lunch for her. When they stopped for coffee, the hotel manager presented her with a special sweatshirt which a local person had printed. On arrival in Bath, a crowd of well-wishers greeted her and congratulated her on her achievements. The applause and kind treatment made Mrs Decker feel quite overwhelmed; she always helps others and is not used to having others spoil her.

You should begin: Mrs Decker was escorted onto the coach by....