

Active and Passive Voice

Identify whether each sentence is passive or active and then re-write it in the other voice.

For example:

The old school was demolished by the council soon after the war.

This sentence uses passive verbs.

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1. This report was written by Inspector Trilby.
2. Charles Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol*.
3. Fuller was interrogated by the police for three hours.
4. Volunteers staff all the charity shops in this town.
5. Drinking water must be given to cats by their owners.
6. New students will be provided with time-tables and stationery.
7. The School Council will give careful consideration to all sensible suggestions.
8. Autobiographies of celebrities are written by anonymous ghost-authors.
9. Mo Farah won two gold medals for long distance running in the 2012 Olympics.
10. Everyone was looking for the lost puppy.
11. Lack of fruit and vegetables in the diet can bring about health problems.

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....