

Active and passive voice exercise

Verbs like allow, advise, permit and forbid can be followed by either an -ing form or an infinitive. These sentences can be changed into the passive, but the structures are different.

Fill in the blanks with a passive verb form.

1. Smoking on the campus.

- has forbidden
- has been forbidden

2. Students to smoke on the campus.

- have forbidden
- have been forbidden

3. Consulting a good doctor
.....

- advised
- is advised

4. You to consult a good doctor.

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advised

are advised

5. Parking in front of their gate

.....

is allowing

allowed

is allowed

6. People to park in front of their gate.

are not allowing

are not allowed

not allowed

7. Early booking

is advising

advised

is advised

8. Passengers to book

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their tickets early.

advised
advising
are advised

9. She was made the whole story.

repeat
to repeat

10. Pregnant women to go on a diet.

not advised
are not advised
are not advising

Answers

1. Smoking has been forbidden on the campus.
2. Students have been forbidden to smoke on the campus.
3. Consulting a good doctor is advised.

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4. You are advised to consult a good doctor.
5. Parking in front of their gate is not allowed.
6. People are not allowed to park in front of their gate.
7. Early booking is advised.
8. Passengers are advised to book their tickets early.
9. She was made to repeat the whole story.
10. Pregnant women are not advised to go on a diet.