

Active and passive voice exercise

Complete the following sentences using appropriate active or passive verb forms. Choose your answers from the given options.

1. The problem to the children.

explained
was explained

2. Those pyramids around 400 AD.

built
were built

3. All the trouble by your mother.

has caused
was caused

4. The visitors a collection of old manuscripts.

were shown
have shown

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5. I him ten thousand pounds last year.

lend
lent

6. She of spiders.

frightened
is frightened

7. That picture by my grandmother.

painted
has painted
was painted

8. I by his attitude.

shocked
was shocked
have shocked

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9. Excuse the mess. The house

is painting

is painted

is being painted

10. I knew why I

had chosen

had been chosen

Answers

1. The problem was explained to the children.
2. Those pyramids were built around 400 AD.
3. All the trouble was caused by your mother.
4. The visitors were shown a collection of old manuscripts.
5. I lent him ten thousand pounds last year.
6. She is frightened of spiders.
7. That picture was painted by my grandmother.
8. I was shocked by his attitude.

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9. Excuse the mess. The house is being painted.

10. I knew why I had been chosen.