

# Passive Voice Exercise

Passive verb forms are used to say what happens to people and things. Note all verbs can have passive forms. Passive structures are impossible with intransitive verbs because they do not have objects. Some transitive verbs are also not used in the passive.

This grammar exercise tests your understanding of passive structures.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate passive form.

1. She likes .....

- being looking at
- being looked at
- been looked at

2. The table ..... up for firewood.

- was broken
- was breaking
- broke

3. The roof ..... by the masons.

- is repairing
- is being repaired
- is being repairing

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4. This bag ..... of leather.

- Is making
- is made
- made

5. The walls .....

- are still painting
- are still being painted
- are still being painting

6. Their house .....

- has sold
- has been selling
- has been sold

7. The contractor said that the project ..... by Monday.

- will finish
- would finish
- would be finished

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8. These tablets ..... with food.

- must take
- must be taken
- must be taking

9. The parcel ..... by courier yesterday.

- is sent
- was sent
- was sending

10. Your life ..... by this book.

- will change
- will be changing
- will be changed

11. This ..... last week.

- should be done
- should have been done
- should do

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12. I ..... by his attitude.

shocked

was shocking

was shocked

## Answers

1. She likes being looked at.
2. The table was broken up for firewood.
3. The roof was being repaired by the masons.
4. This bag is made of leather.
5. The walls are still being painted.
6. Their house has been sold.
7. The contractor said that the project would be finished by Monday.
8. These tablets must be taken with food.
9. The parcel was sent by courier yesterday.
10. Your life will be changed by this book.
11. This should have been done last week.
12. I was shocked by his attitude.