

Forming The Passive Voice

■ Choose the use of the passive voice it is for each of the following sentences:

- a) When we don't know who does the action.
- b) When we don't want to say who does the action.
- c) When it is not important who does the action
- d) When it is obvious who does the action.

Q1. The thief was arrested for the crime.

Q2. The window has been broken.

Q3. You were seen taking the money from the bag.

Q4. The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889.

Q5. The letter was delivered this morning.

Q6. America was discovered in 1492.

Q7. I was given too much homework.

Q8. A complaint has been made against you.

Q9. I was told that you did it.

Q10. There was a notice put on the wall today.

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- True or False. Choose whether or not the use of the passive voice is correct for each sentence.

When we don't know who does the action

Q11. We were served our food on a tray in a beautiful restaurant.

When we don't want to say who does the action

Q12. The bike was stolen yesterday.

When it is not important who does the action

Q13. Callan Barcelona was opened in 1990.

When it is obvious who does the action

Q14. I was given a painkiller in my gums before my dental operation.

When we don't know who does the action

Q15. You were heard saying that you wanted to leave because you were fed up.

When it is obvious who does the action

Q16. The bag was left at the door.

When it is not important who does the action

Q17. The mobile phone was invented in 1973.

When we don't want to say who does the action

Q18. I was given a tip that you stole the money.

When we don't know who does the action

Q19. America was discovered by Europeans in 1492.

When it is obvious who does the action

Q20. The students were given a reward of 'no homework for a day' for their hard work.

ANSWERS

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A2. The window has been broken..... **A**

A3. You were seen taking the money from the bag..... **B**

A4. The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889. **C**

A5. The letter was delivered this morning..... **D**

A6. America was discovered in 1492. **C**

A7. I was given too much homework..... **D**

A8. A complaint has been made against you..... **B**

A9. I was told that you did it..... **B**

A10. There was a notice put on the wall today..... **A**

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