



THE PASSIVE VOICE

1. Decide whether the following sentences are in the passive (P) or active (A) voice.

- 1) Thousands of people were protesting against a compulsory 50-hour week. P/A
- 2) The majority of our company cars were produced in the second half 2019. P/A
- 3) I've never been given such a wonderful present before. P/A
- 4) I've never seen such a beautiful place before. P/A
- 5) We're going to meet all the deadlines no matter what the weather is like. P/A
- 6) We're going to be met at the airport by our driver no matter when we arrive. P/A
- 7) What do you feel like doing tonight? P/A
- 8) What can be felt by our skin? P/A
- 9) She is being interviewed in the conference room. P/A
- 10) She interviewed five candidates in the conference room. P/A

2. Some of these passive sentences are incorrect. Find and correct the mistakes. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1) He was being questioned by two police officers yesterday at 6.30 pm.
- 2) They have invited to John's birthday party.
- 3) Would you like to be drive to the railway station in the evening?
- 4) You will be asked to answer several questions in writing.
- 5) Is she usually sent so many emails from abroad?
- 6) I think I should compensated for the damage to my fence.

3. Use between two and six words, including the word in capital letters, to complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1) People believe that Paul is a secret agent.
Paul _____ secret agent. TO
- 2) They say that Mary was promoted last week.
Mary _____ last week. BEEN
- 3) People think that Peter and Sue will get married soon.
Peter and Sue _____ soon. THOUGHT
- 4) They reported that the bank had been robbed by three people.
The bank _____ by three people. HAVE
- 5) It is believed that his company may go bankrupt next year.
People _____ bankrupt next year. BELIEVE