



# Passive Voice

## Exercise 1.

Give two passive constructions of the following sentences.

- Model: The teacher gave the pupils a lesson in geography.
- The pupils were given a lesson in geography.
- A lesson in geography was given to the pupils.

1. The teacher read the pupils a story about London.
2. The teacher gave each pupil a small map of London.
3. The teacher showed the pupils postcards of London.
4. The teacher told the pupils the story of London.
5. The teacher promised the pupils to bring an interesting book about London.



- **Exercise 2.**

- Answer the questions, using the passive voice.

1. Are your meals prepared by your mother?
2. Are your stockings mended by your mother?
3. Is your room put in order by your mother?
4. Is your bed made by your mother?
5. Is your little brother washed by your mother?
6. Is your brother taken to school by your mother?

- **Exercise 3.**

- Read and answer the questions.

- **A BUNDLE OF STICKS**

An old man had many sons who were always quarrelling. One day the sons were called before their father. A bundle of sticks was given to them and they were ordered to break it.

Each of the sons tried with all his strength but no one could break the bundle.

Then the old man untied the bundle and each son was given one stick. Of course, the sticks were broken easily. "My sons," said the father, "if you live in friendship and help each other, you will always be strong and you need not be afraid of any enemy."

1. What were the sons asked to do with the bundle of sticks?
2. Why was the bundle of sticks untied?
3. What were the sons taught by the bundle of sticks?

## Exercise 4.

Translate from Russian  
into English

Was - were	Am - is - are	Shall, will be
Мне рассказали	Мне рассказывают	Мне расскажут
Мне показали	Мне показывают	Мне покажут
Нас спросили	Нас спрашивают	Нас спросят
Нам ответили	Нам отвечают	Нам ответят
Им дали	Им дают	Им дадут
Ему помогли	Ему помогают	Ему помогут
Его забыли	Его забывают	Его забудут
Нас пригласили	Нас приглашают	Нас пригласят

## Exercise 5.

### Translate from Russian into English

1. Хлеб едят каждый день.
2. Письма получены вчера.
3. Колю отправят в Москву на следующей неделе.
4. Меня спросили на уроке вчера.
5. Мне дали очень интересную книгу в библиотеке в прошлую пятницу.
6. Эта работа будет сделана завтра.



## Exercise 6. Change active into passive.

1. The gardener has planted some trees.
  2. Doctor Brown will give you some advice.
  3. A famous designer will redecorate the hotel.
  4. Steven Spielberg directed "E.T."
  5. Someone has broken the vase.
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