

Unit 6

Exercise 1

Transform the following active sentences into passive ones.

1. Few people have climbed this mountain before.

2. The actors performed the play for the first time on Sunday.

3. The students will organize the exhibition about Tolstoi's life.

4. The teachers will give the students the final grades.

5. They don't serve alcoholic drinks before 6 o'clock.

6. The child disappeared and no one has seen him again.

7. They have proved all his theories wrong.

8. They will never forget it.

Exercise 2

Change the following sentences from the passive voice to active voice.

1. The best cream cakes are made by Sayers.

2. By the end of the party all the food had been eaten.

3. My keys must have been thrown away by mistake.

4. Who was the telephone invented by?

5. She was heard complaining about the new schedule.

6. A new shopping center is being built on the outskirts of town.

7. The awards will be presented by Tom Hanks.

8. A new shampoo is being developed in the lab.

Exercise 3

Read the following text and choose the best answer A), B), C) or D).

The Canterville Ghost

When the American, Mr. Otis, bought Canterville Castle, everyone told him that this was very foolish, as the place was haunted. But Mr. Otis answered, "I come from a modern country, where we have everything that money can buy. And if there were such a thing as a ghost in Europe, we would have it at home in one of our museums."

A few weeks later, on a lovely July evening, Mr. Otis, his wife and their children, Washington, Virginia and the twins, went down to their new home. When they entered the avenue of Canterville Castle, the sky suddenly became dark and a spooky stillness was in the air.

Mrs. Umney, the housekeeper, led them into the library of the castle, where they sat down and began to look around. Suddenly, Mrs. Otis saw a red stain on the floor just by the fireplace and said to Mrs. Umney, "I am afraid something has been spilt there."

"Yes, madam," said the old housekeeper in a low voice, "blood has been spilt on that spot."

"How terrible," said Mrs. Otis; "I don't want any blood-stains in my sitting-room. It must be removed at once."

The old woman smiled and answered, "It is the blood of Lady Eleanore de Canterville, who was murdered on that spot by her husband, Sir Simon de Canterville, in 1575. Sir Simon disappeared seven years later. His body has never been found, but his ghost still haunts the Castle. The blood-stain is a tourist attraction now and it cannot be removed."

"That is all nonsense," said Washington, the eldest son of the Otis family, "stain remover will clean it up in no time," and he took a bottle of stain remover out of his pocket and cleaned the spot. But as soon as the blood-stain had disappeared, a terrible flash of lightning lit up the room and a fearful peal of thunder made the whole building shake.

(Adapted From <https://www.ego4u.com/en/read-on/literature/canterville-ghost?param=part1&mark=passive>)

1. Why did people think Mr. Otis was foolish for buying Canterville Castle?

- A. The castle was very expensive.
- B. The castle was in poor condition.
- C. The castle was said to be haunted.
- D. The castle was too far from town.

2. What was Mr. Otis's opinion about ghosts?

- A. He was afraid of them.
- B. He believed they lived only in castles.
- C. He thought they were common in America.
- D. He did not really believe in them.

3. What happened when the Otis family entered the avenue of the castle?

- A. It started to snow.
- B. The sky became dark and the atmosphere felt spooky.
- C. They saw a ghost immediately.
- D. The housekeeper welcomed them with a party.

4. What did Mrs. Otis notice in the library?

- A. A red stain on the floor.
- B. An old painting.
- C. A broken window.
- D. A strange noise.

5. According to Mrs Umney, whose blood was on the floor?

- A. Mrs. Umney's.
- B. Sir Simon de Canterville's.

- C. Lady Eleanore de Canterville's.
- D. Washington Otis's.

6. What happened after the blood-stain was removed by Washington?

- A. The stain appeared again immediately.
- B. The ghost appeared in front of the family.
- C. The room became completely dark.
- D. There was a flash of lightning and a loud thunderclap.

Exercise 4

Now, find the eight passive voice forms which are used in the text.