

C2.3 UNIT 1

Exercise 1. Rewrite the sentence using a passive construction.

- 1. The crowd was slowly filling the huge stadium.**
The huge stadium was slowly being filled by the crowd
2. The invention of the computer simplified the work of the accountants
Since the computer _____ the work of the accountants _____ simplified.
3. Someone has suggested that shop should close .
It _____ that shop should close.
4. I would take out some travel insurance if I were you , Mr. Smith.
Mr.Smith _____ would take out some travel insurance.
5. The waitress will bring your drinks in a moment.
Your drinks _____ in a moment.
6. Someone used the knife to open this window.
This window _____ a knife.
7. You will hear from us when we have finished dealing with your complaint.
After your complaint _____ you will hear from us.
8. An announcement of the engagement appeared in the local paper.
Their engagement _____ in the local paper.
9. Nobody heard anything of David again.
Nothing _____ David again.
10. They paid Sheila 1,000 euros as a special bonus.
1,000 euros _____ Sheila as a special bonus.

Exercise 2. Finish the second sentence so that each sentence expresses the same meaning. Make sure you use a passive construction.

1. Someone left the phone off the hook all night.
The phone _____.
2. The government has announced the petrol price will rise tomorrow.
It has _____.
3. A burglar broke into our house last week.
Our house _____.
4. People asked me the way three times.
I was _____.
5. The fruit-pickers pick the apples early in the morning.
The apples _____.
6. It is time the authorities did something about this problem.
It is time _____.
7. Lots of people had parked their cars on the pavement.
A lot of cars _____.

8. The government agreed with the report ,so they changed the law.

The government _____.

9. You have to fill an application form.

An application _____.

10. They do not know what happened to the ship.

It is not _____.

Exercise 3. Rewrite each sentence in a more formal style so that it contains a passive form of the word given in capitals.

1. **Sorry ,but we have lost your letter (MISLAY)**

Unfortunately your letter has been mislaid.

2. The police are grilling Harry down at the station. (QUESTION)

_____.

3. They have found the remains of an old Roman villa nearby. (DISCOVER)

_____.

4. You will get a salary rise after six months. (RAISE)

_____.

5. You go in the cathedral from the south door. (ENTER)

_____.

6. They stopped playing the match after half an hour. (ABANDON)

_____.

7. They have stopped traffic from using the centre. (BAN)

_____.

8. They took Chris to court for dangerous driving. (PROSECUTE)

_____.

9. You usually eat this kind of fish with white sauce. (SERVE)

_____.

10. I don't know your name. (INTRODUCE)

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