

# Active and Passive Voice Exercise

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1. Ms Sullivan **teaches** us grammar.
2. The teacher **praised** him.
3. The firemen **took** the injured to the hospital.
4. An earthquake **destroyed** the town.
5. The boy's work **pleased** the teacher.
6. The fire **damaged** the building.
7. Who **taught** you French?
8. The manager **will give** you a ticket.
9. Spectators **thronged** the streets.
10. Everyone **will blame** us.
11. The wind **blew down** the trees.
12. The police **caught** the thieves.
13. Alice **posted** the letter.
14. The hostess **received** us.
15. They/somebody **killed** the snake with a stick.
16. The people **welcomed** the minister.
17. They **found** him guilty of murder.
18. John Mathews **built** this house in 1991.

## Answers

1. We are taught grammar by Ms Sullivan.
2. He was praised by the teacher.
3. The injured were taken to the hospital by the firemen.
4. The town was destroyed by an earthquake.
5. The teacher was pleased with the boy's work.
6. The building was damaged by the fire.
7. By whom were you taught French?
8. You will be given a ticket by the manager.
9. The streets were thronged with spectators.
10. We will be blamed by everyone.
11. The trees were blown down by the wind.
12. The thieves were caught by the police.
13. The letter was posted by Alice.
14. We were received by the hostess.
15. The snake was killed with a stick.
16. The minister was welcomed by the people.
17. He was found guilty of murder.
18. This house was built by John Mathews in 1991

# Active and passive voice exercise

Complete the following sentences using appropriate active or passive verb forms. Choose your answers from the given options.

1. The problem ..... to the children. (explained / was explained)
2. Those pyramids ..... around 400 AD. (built / were built)
3. All the trouble ..... by your mother. (has caused / was caused)
4. The visitors ..... (were shown / have shown) a collection of old manuscripts.
5. I ..... him ten thousand pounds last year. (lend / lent / was lent)
6. She ..... of spiders. (frightened / is frightened)
7. That picture ..... by my grandmother. (painted / was painted)
8. I ..... by his attitude. (shocked / have shocked / was shocked)
9. Excuse the mess. The house ..... (is painting / is being painted / has painted)
10. I knew why I ..... (had chosen / had been chosen)

## Answers

1. The problem **was explained** to the children.
2. Those pyramids **were built** around 400 AD.
3. All the trouble **was caused** by your mother.
4. The visitors **were shown** a collection of old manuscripts.
5. I **lent** him ten thousand pounds last year.
6. She **is frightened** of spiders.
7. That picture **was painted** by my grandmother.
8. I **was shocked** by his attitude.
9. Excuse the mess. The house **is being painted**.
10. I knew why I **had been chosen**.