

FROM ACTIVE TO PASSIVE VOICE

1) The British eat over thirty million hamburgers each year. OVER THIRTY MILLION

HAMBURGERS ARE EATEN BY THE BRITISH EACH YEAR

2) He said The bad weather had spoiled his holiday plans. (No extra en examen)

3) The children picked the strawberries. THE STRAWBERRIES WERE PICKED BY THE

CHILDREN

4) She saw them go out. THEY WERE SEEN GO OUT (BY HER)

5) That company is converting the old bank into a supermarket.

THE OLD BANK IS BEING CONVERTED INTO A SUPERMARKET BY THAT

COMPANY

6) They told him not to say anything to her. HE WAS TOLD NOT TO SAY ANYTHING

TO HER (BY THEM)

7) The nurses take very good care of the patients.

THE PATIENTS ARE TAKEN VERY GOOD CARE OF (BY THE NURSES)

8) The police have just arrested the man who broke into our house.

THE MAN WHO BROKE INTO OUR HOUSE HAS JUST BEEN ARRESTED (BY THE
POLICE)

9) What did he tell you? WHAT WERE YOU TOLD (BY HIM)?

10) Oxfam will hold a fashion show next week.

A FASHION SHOW WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK BY OXFAM

11) She thinks they are holding the next World Cup in France. (No extra en examen)

12) The officers took the suspect for questioning. THE SUSPECT WAS TAKEN FOR
QUESTIONING BY THE OFFICERS

13) Does the school provide accommodation for all new teachers?

ARE ALL NEW TEACHERS PROVIDED ACCOMMODATION BY THE SCHOOL?

14) Someone is cleaning the windows.

THE WINDOWS ARE BEING CLEANED (SE OMITI EL SUJETO PORQUE ES

INDEFINIDO)

15) People spend a lot of money on food. A LOT OF MONEY IS SPENT ON FOOD (BY

PEOPLE)

16) Is Sue washing the car? IS THE CAR BEING WASHED BY SUE?

17) They are saying Grandfather is going to tell the children a story. (No entra este tipo

en el examen)

18) They will open the new sports centre soon. THE NEW SPORTS CENTRE WILL BE

OPENED SOON (se omite el complemento agente porque es un pronombre personal)

19) They made him confess to the robbery. HE WAS MADE CONFESS TO THE ROBBERY

(Se omite el complement agente porque es un pronombre personal)

20) Liz showed me some holiday pictures. I WAS SHOWN SOME HOLIDAY PICTURES BY

LIZ

21) They heard him calling for help. HE WAS HEARD CALLING FOR HELP (Se omite el

complemente agente porque es un pronombre personal)

22) The teacher will mark the essays. THE ESSAYS WILL BE MARKED BY THE TEACHER

23) People make jam from fruit. JAM FROM FRUIT IS MADE (BY PEOPLE). Se puede

omitir porque "people" no aporta información relevante.

24) They sent us to the doctor. WE WERE SENT TO THE DOCTOR

25) Clive hasn't cut the grass yet. THE GRASS HASN'T BEEN CUT YET BY CLIVE

26) They may not repair the car next week. THE CAR MAY NOT BE REPAIRED NEXT

WEEK (BY THEM). Se omite porque es pronombre personal.

27) Her mother woke her up at 7 o'clock. SHE WAS WOKEN UP AT 7 O'CLOCK

28) The milkman brings the milk to my door but the postman leaves the letters in the hall.

THE MILK IS BROUGHT TO MY DOOR (BY THE MILKMAN) (Se omite porque se

sobreentiende) BUT THE LETTERS ARE LEFT IN THE HALL (BY THE POSTMAN) Se

omite porque se sobreentiende que el cartero es el que reparte las cartas

29) In future, perhaps, they won't bring letters to the houses, and we shall have to collect them from the Post Office.

IN FUTURE, PERHAPS, LETTERS TO THE HOUSES WON'T BE BROUGHT AND THEY SHALL HAVE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE POST OFFICE.

30) People steal things from supermarkets every day; someone stole twenty bottles of whisky from this one last week.

THINGS ARE STOLEN FROM SUPERMARKETS EVERY DAY; TWENTY BOTTLES OF WHISKY WERE STOLEN FROM THIS ONE LAST WEEK.

Los complementos agentes se omiten en ámbos casos porque son people y someone.

31) Normally men sweep this street every day, but nobody swept it last week.

NORMALLY THIS STREET IS SWEEPED EVERY DAY (BY MEN), BUT IT WASN'T

SWEEPED LAST WEEK (BY NOBODY se omite, por eso pongo el verbo en negativa, para

que no pierda el sentido la oración)

32) My sister thinks the postman clears this box three times a day. He last cleared it at

2.30.(No entra este tipo de pasiva)

33) Someone turned on a light in the hall and opened the door.

A LIGHT WAS TURNED ON IN THE HALL AND THE DOOR WAS OPENED

34) Women clean this office in the evening after the staffs have left; they clean the upstairs offices between seven and eight in the morning.

THIS OFFICE WAS CLEANED IN THE EVENING AFTER THE STAFFS HAVE LEFT;
UPSTAIRS OFFICES ARE CLEANED BETWEEN SEVEN AND EIGHT IN THE MORNING.

35) We never saw him in the dining-room. A maid took all his meals up *to*

him. (Complemento indirecto)

HE WAS NEVER SEEN IN THE DINING ROOM. HE WAS TAKEN ALL HIS MEALS

UP BY A MAID.

36) Someone left this purse in a classroom yesterday; the cleaner found it.

THIS PURSE WAS LEFT IN A CLASSROOM YESTERDAY; IT WAS FOUND BY THE

CLEANER.

37) We build well over 1,000 new houses a year. Last year we built 1,500.

OVER 1,000 NEW HOUSES A YEAR ARE BUILT WELL. 1,500 WERE BUILT LAST
YEAR.

38) We serve hot meals till 10.30, and guests can order coffee and sandwiches up to

11.30. HOT MEALS ARE SERVED TILL 10,30 AND COFFEE AND SANDWICHES CAN

BE ORDER BY GUESTS UP TO 11,30.

39) Passengers leave all sorts of things in buses. The conductors collect them and send them to the Lost Property Office.

ALL SORTS OF THINGS ARE LEFT IN THE BUSES (BY PASSENGERS). THEY ARE COLLECTED AND SENT TO THE LOST PROPERTY OFFICE. (BY CONDUCTORS)

40) An ambulance took the sick man to hospital.

THE SICK MAN WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL (BY AN AMBULANCE)

41) We kill and injure people on the roads every day. Can't we do something about this?

PEOPLE ARE KILLED AND INJURED ON THE ROADS EVERY DAY. CAN

SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT THIS?

42) Dogs guard the warehouse. The other day a thief tried to get in and a dog saw him and chased him.

43) Did they catch the thief? WAS THE THIEF CAUGHT?

44) Will The King inaugurate the new bridge? WILL THE NEW BRIDGE BE

INAGURATED BY THE KING?

- 45) Do they make cars in Korea? ARE CARS MADE IN KOREA?
- 46) Do the hounds kill the fox? IS THE FOX KILLED BY THE HOUNDS?
- 47) Did the bull kill the matador? WAS THE MATADOR KILLED BY THE BULL?
- 48) I have to study maths tomorrow. MATHS HAVE TO BE STUDIED TOMORROW
- 49) Have the police found the body? HAS THE BODY BEEN FOUND BY THE POLICE?
- 50) Why has the government banned the film? WHY HAS THE FILM BEEN BANNED BY
THE GOVERNMENT?
- 51) When did they hijack the plane? WHEN WAS THE PLANE HIJACKED?
- 52) How did your host family treat you? HOW WERE YOU TREATED BY YOUR HOST
FAMILY?
- 53) What caused the accident? WHAT WAS THE ACCIDENT CAUSED BY?
- 54) Has anyone cleaned the oven yet? HAS THE OVEN BEEN CLEANED YET?
- 55) Is a doctor going to examine you? ARE YOU GOING TO BE EXAMINED (BY THE
DOCTOR)?
- 56) Why did no one inform me of the change of plan? WHY WASN'T I INFORMED OF
THE CHANGE OF THE PLAN?

57) Tom Smith wrote the book and Brown and Co. published it. THE BOOK WAS

WRITEN BY TOM SMITH AND IT WAS PUBLISHED BY BROWN AND CO.

58) We shall have to keep the car in the garage. THE CAR SHALL HAVE TO BE KEPT

IN THE GARAGE

59) I'm afraid we have sold all our copies but we have ordered more. I'M AFRAID ALL

OUR COPIES HAVE BEEN SOLD BUT MORE HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

60) We will prosecute trespassers. TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED