PASSIVE VOICE

52.1 Elementary. Complete the following passive voice sentences in the tenses suggested.

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His leg (hurt) in an accident. -past
This exercise (do) very carefully. -present continuous
The box (not open) for the last hundred years. -present perfect
The Tower of London (formerly use) as a prison. -past
Two of my dinner plates (break). -present perfect
A big battle (fight) here 200 years ago. -past
You (invite) to lunch tomorrow. -present perfect
This play (forget) in a few years’ time. -future
The bridge (build) last year. -past
My brother (never beat) at tennis. - present perfect
English (speak) all over the world. -present
Any questions (ask) about me? - past
The answers must (write) on one side of the paper only. -infinitive
These books must (not take away). -infinitive
I (punish) for something I didn't do. -past
Milk (use) for making butter and cheese. -present
You (want) to help lay the table. -present
A pupil (praise) when he works hard. -present
The stolen car (find) in another town. -present perfect
Hats and coats must (leave) in the cloakroom. -infinitive
The piano (play) far too loudly. -past continuous
The matter (discuss) tomorrow. -future
Progress (make) every day in the world of science. -present
The chickens (not feed) this morning. -past
Some ink (spill) on the carpet. -present perfect
She said that some ink (spill) on the carpet. -past perfect
Not a sound (hear). -past
This door can (easily mend). -infinitive
What (do) about this? -present perfect
The door (already shut). - present perfect
your question (answer)? -present perfect
The book (finish) next month? -future
He saw that the table (push) into the corner. -past perfect
The article (beautifully write). -present perfect

52.2  Elementary and intermediate. Put the following sentences into the passive with a personal subject.

They gave my little sister a ticket too.
People will show the visitors the new buildings.
Someone has already paid the electrician for his work.
They promise us higher wages.
Somebody will tell you what time the train leaves.
Someone ordered the prisoners to stand up.
Somebody recommended me to another doctor.
Someone taught him French and gave him a dictionary.
They will allow each boy a second plate of ice-cream.
The authorities refused Cyril a passport.
They will ask us all several questions.
When we first met, they had already offered me a job at the bank.
Someone will read you another chapter next time.
They requested the stranger to leave the meeting.
This is the third time they have written to us about this.
They still deny women the right to vote in some countries.
They have made my uncle a captain.
They asked the rest of us to be there at eight o'clock.
The others told the new students where to sit.
Someone is showing Maisie how to bath a baby.

52.3 Elementary. Put the following sentences into the passive voice.

She showed the visitors the new baby.
Someone asked the student a very difficult question.
We must look into this matter.
People speak well of my friend Cyril.
They told her to be quick.
Someone reads to the old lady every evening.
Somebody told the students to wait outside.
Someone promised me a bicycle if I passed my examination.
You must work for success.
Somebody gave her a box of chocolates for her birthday.
I told Cyril never to come here again.
They gave me 10p (ten pence) change at the shop.
She promised him a book.
It is time they brought the cows in.
They told me to go away.
Nobody has slept in that room for years.
She will look after the little girl well.
A car ran over our dog.
The teacher promised Mary a prize if she worked well.
A friend told me the news this morning.
Unkind remarks easily upset Maisie.
Somebody must finish the work.
Nobody can repair this broken vase.
What ought we to do about this?
What questions did the examiner set?
People play football all over the world.
Nobody has made any mistakes.
Beethoven composed this piece.
A guide pointed out the Pyramids to me.
Somebody has left the gate open, and so the horses have run away.
Somebody must do something for these poor men.
She fell into the water because somebody pushed her.
People will simply laugh at you for your trouble.
They carried her into the house.
They showed me a beautiful drawing.
Nobody has answered my question properly.
They left the wounded behind.
Somebody has brought this child up very badly.
They didn't tell me the truth about the situation.
They asked Maisie why she went about with a silly person like me!
52.4 Intermediate and advanced. Put the following sentences into the passive.

Somebody has found the boy the people wanted (2 passives)
People ought not to speak about such things in public.
The wind blew his hat down the street.
They will take her to hospital tomorrow.
The police gave me £5 reward.
An unseen hand opened the window.
They will send Cyrill to prison.
People should make lessons more interesting for children.
They had eaten all the dinner before they finished the conversation. (2 passives)
Somebody left the light on all night.
We shall lock the house up for the summer and the old gardener will look after it. (2 passives)
No one can answer your question.
Somebody has spilt tea all over the tablecloth.
His brother just beat John in the 100-yards race.
Has someone mended that chair yet?
Nobody has ever spoken to me like that before.
A friend lent me this book.
We have asked some friends of hers to join us.
People talked about Maisie all over the town.
They will give you the answer next week.
Didn't they tell you to be here by six o'clock?
I'd like someone to read to me. (passive infinitive)
You must not throw away empty bottles.
No one has drunk out of this glass.
The stone struck him in the right shoulder.
The fire destroyed many valuable paintings.
Someone blew a whistle three times.
A huge wave overturned the little boat.
He finished his work by eight o'clock.
Ladies used to wear their dresses very long.
The maid washed the floor only this morning.
Lions attacked the travellers.
Someone has stolen my collection of stamps.
I have sharpened the knives.
The same man mended your shoes.
They built two new houses last year.
They sent letters of thanks to all their friends.
We ate all the biscuits yesterday.
People will laugh at you if you wear that silly hat.
People were carrying the chairs out into the garden.
His friends gave him a cake for his birthday.
They took photographs after the ceremony.
I hate people looking at me.
Do you intend us to take your remark seriously?
The police ought to put you in prison.
They turned my offer down.
This is a good idea, but one cannot carry it out in practice.
People shan't speak to me as if I were a child.
Somebody has eaten all the food in the house and drunk all the wine.
Somebody has locked the box and I cannot open it. (2 passives)
52.5 Advanced. Put the following sentences into the passive voice.

Somebody must have taken it while I was out.
You must iron this dress for tonight.
Did the noise frighten you?
They treated us to some ice-cream.
Don't let the others see you. (passive reflexive)
The orchestra played that piece beautifully.
He's so good at golf nobody can beat him.
The doctor had to operate on him to find out what was wrong.
Didn't anybody ever teach you how to behave?
They did nothing until he came.
I can assure you I will arrange everything in time (2 passives)
Somebody will meet the visitors at the station.
A sudden increase in water pressure would break the dam.
Men can shell cities from a distance of several miles.
One cannot eat an orange if nobody has peeled it. (2 passives)
They took the collection half-way through the meeting
The police are sure to ask you that question.
Her beauty struck me deeply.
You needn't think your joke took me in.
They should not make the celebration an excuse for bad behaviour.
People generally assume that money brings happiness. (Money...)
Let me know if there is anything we should do.
They gave the thief a fair trial and sent him to prison. (2 passives)
Poverty drove him to desperation.
You must account for every penny.
A new company has taken the business over.
They tell somebody has shot your uncle. (2 passives)
Somebody can't have shut the safe properly.
They can't put you in prison if they haven't tried you. (2 passives)
We'll have to examine you again.
People say tortoises live longer than elephants. (Tortoises...)
I should love someone to take me out to dinner. (passive infinitive)
His grandmother brought him up, and he got his education in Paris (2 passives)
Naturally one expects you to interest yourself in the job they have offered you. (3 passives)
It must have disappointed him terribly that people told him they didn't want him. (3 passives)
They must have given you the paper (that) they meant for the advanced candidates. (2 passives)
Someone had already promised me a watch for my birthday when they presented me with one as a prize. (2 passives)
It surprised me to hear someone had robbed you. (2 passives)
When women have disappointed you as many times as they have him, you can truly say (that) bad luck has dogged you. (3 passives)
We haven't moved anything since they sent you away to cure you. (3 passives)
You must clear up all these books and papers and put them away in the cupboards you usually keep them in. (3 passives)
Nobody would have stared at him if they had told him beforehand what clothes one had to wear in such a place. (3 passives)
Ladies usually go to a tea-party more to speak to other people than for other people to speak to them.
At the cocktail party people took no notice of the famous professor, but they made a fuss of his lovely young wife from the moment someone introduced her to the guests. (3 passives)
People ought to tell us how much they expect of us. (2 passives)
People no longer say that anyone inhabits Mars any more than the moon. (3 passives)
No one has ever taken me for an Englishman before, although someone did once speak to me as if I were an American. (2 passives)
I've only used this pen once since the day I had it mended. (2 passives)
There's a new block of flats they are building down the road; perhaps you'd like someone to introduce you to the landlord. (2 passives)
When I was a child, people used to read to me out of a book of fairy tales someone had given me for my birthday. (2 passives)

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This play will be forgotten (forget) in a few years' time. -future
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The matter will be discussed (discuss) tomorrow. -future
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The chickens were not fed (not feed) this morning. -past
Some ink has been spilt/spilled (spill) on the carpet. -present perfect
She said that some ink had been spilled/spill (spill) on the carpet. -past perfect
Not a sound was heard (hear). -past
This door can be easily mended (easily mend). -infinitive
What has been done (do) about this? -present perfect
The door has already been shut (already shut). - present perfect
has Your question been answered (answer)? -present perfect
will The book be finished (finish) next month? -future
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The article has been beautifully written(beautifully write). -present perfect

52.2
My little sister was given a ticket too (by them).
The visitors will be shown the new buildings (by people).
The electrician has already been paid for his work (by someone).
We are promised higher wages.
You will be told (by somebody) what time the train leaves.
The prisoners were ordered (by someone) to stand up.
I was recommended to another doctor (by somebody).
He was taught French and given a dictionary (by someone).
Each boy will be allowed a second plate of ice-cream (by them).
Cyrill was refused a passport by the authorities.
We all will be asked several questions by them.
When we first met, I had already been offered a job at the bank (by them).
You will be read another chapter next time (by someone).
The stranger was requested (by them) to leave the meeting.
This is the third time we have been written about this (by them).
Women are still denied the right to vote in some countries (by them).
My uncle has been made a captain (by them).
The rest of us were asked (by them) to be there at eight o’clock.
The new students were told by the others where to sit.
Maisie is being shown (by someone) how to bath a baby.

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The visitors were shown the new baby
The student was asked a very difficult question
This matter must be looked into (by us)
My friend Cyril is spoken well of
She was told to be quick
The old lady is read to every evening
The students were told to wait outside
I was promised a bicycle if I passed my examination
Success must be worked for
She was given a box of chocolates for her birthday / A box of chocolates was given to her for her birthday
I told Cyril never to come here again.Ciryl was told never to come here again
I was given ten pence change at the shop / Ten pence change was given to me at the shop
He was promised a book / A book was promised to him
It is time the cows were brought in
I was told to go away
That room hasn’t been slept in for years
The little girl will be looked after well (by her)
Our dog was run over by a car
Mary was promised a prize (by the teacher) if she worked well / A prize was promised to Mary (by...) if she worked well.
I was told the news this morning (by a friend) / The news was told to me (by a friend)
Maisie is easily upset by unkind remarks
The work must be finished
This broken vase cannot be repaired
What ought to be done about this?
What questions were set by the examiner?
Football is played all over the world
No mistakes have been made
This piece was composed by Beethoven
The Pyramids were pointed out to me (by a guide) / I was pointed the Pyramids out (by a guide)
The gate has been left open, and so the horses have run away
Something must be done for these poor men
She fell into the water because she was pushed
You will be simply laughed at for your trouble
She was carried into the house
I was shown a beautiful drawing / A beautiful drawing was shown to me
My question hasn't been properly answered
The wounded were left behind
This child has been brought up very badly
I wasn't told the truth about the situation / The truth about the situation wasn't told to me
Maisie was asked why she went about with a silly person like me!
The boy was found the people wanted / The people wanted were found for the boy
Such things ought not to be spoken about in public
His hat was blown down the street (by the wind)
She will be taken to hospital tomorrow
I was given £5 reward by the police
The window was opened by an unseen hand
Cyrill will be sent to prison
Lessons should be made more interesting for children.
All the dinner had been eaten before the conversation was finished
The light was left on all night
The house shall be locked up for the summer and it will be looked after by the old gardener
Your question cannot be answered by anyone
Tea has been spilt all over the tablecloth
John was beaten in the 100-yards race by his brother
Has that chair been mended yet?
I have never been talked to like that before (not ever = never)
I was lent this book by a friend / This book was lent to me by a friend
Some friends of her have been asked to join us
Maisie was talked about all over the town
You will be given the answer next week
Weren't you told to be here by six o'clock?
I'd like to be read (to) by someone
Empty bottles must not be thrown away
This glass has not been drunk out of
He was struck in the right shoulder by the stone
Many valuable paintings were destroyed by the fire
A whistle was blown three times
The little boat was overturned by a huge wave
His work was finished by eight o'clock
Dresses were usually worn very long by ladies / Ladies' dresses were usually worn very long
The floor was washed only this morning (by the maid)
The travellers were attacked by lions
My collection of stamps has been stolen
The knives have been sharpened (by me)
Your shoes were mended by the same man
Two new houses were built last year
Letters of thanks were sent to all their friends / All their friends were sent letters of thanks
All the biscuits were eaten yesterday (by us)
You will be laughed at if you were that silly hat
The chairs were being carried out into the garden
He was given a cake for his birthday / A cake was given to him for his birthday (by his friends)
Photographs were taken after the ceremony
I hate being looked at (by people)
Do you intend your remarks to be taken seriously?
You ought to be put in prison (by the police)
My offer was turned down
This is a good idea, but it cannot be carried out in practice
I shan't be spoken to as if I were a child
All the food and all the wine in the house has been eaten and drunk
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It must have been taken away while I was out
This dress must be ironed for tonight
Were you frightened by the noise?
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That piece was beautifully played by the orchestra
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He had to be operated on to find out what was wrong
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The visitors will be met at the station
The dam would be broken by a sudden increase in pressure
Cities can be shelled from a distance of several miles
An orange cannot be eaten if it has not been peeled / No orange can be eaten if ….
The collection was taken half-way through the meeting
You will be surely asked thath question by the police (are to+infinitive = future of obligation)
I was deeply struck by her beauty
You needn't think I was taken in by your joke
The celebration should not be made an excuse for bad behaviour
Money is generally assumed to bring happiness
Let me know if something should be done (by us)
The thief was given a fair trial and sent to prison
He was driven to desperation by poverty
Every penny must be accounted for
The business has been taken over by a new company
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