

Self-assessment Test 1

❖ Change the following sentence into the passive voice. Use the by-agent only where it is absolutely necessary.

1. They train army officers in the academy.
→ Army officers are trained in the academy by them.
2. The police fined him for rash driving.
→ He was fined for rash driving by the police.
3. They lock the hostel gates at 11 p.m.
→ The hostel gates are locked at 11 p.m. by them.
4. They say funny things about you.
→ Funny things about you are said by them.
5. Someone hit him on the head with a stone.
→ He was hit on the head with a stone.
6. Someone has just picked my pocket.
→ My pocket has just been picked.
7. People must not leave valuables here.
→ Valuables must not be left here by people.
8. We use wood here as fuel.
→ Wood is used here as fuel by us.
9. Somebody can easily repair this.
→ This can easily be repaired.
10. The explosion killed twenty people.
→ Twenty people were killed in the explosion.
11. The authors will complete the book by the end of June.
→ The book will be completed by the end of June by the authors.
12. Somebody has stolen two of my best paintings.
→ Two of my best paintings have been stolen.
13. You can make the payment by cheque or by money-order.
→ The payment can be made by cheque or by money-order by you.
14. Students must complete all assignments before the vacations.
→ All assignments must be completed before the vacations by students.
15. They build a house of bricks and mortar.
→ A house of bricks and mortar is built by them.
16. They are printing our book here in this press.
→ Our books are being printed here in this press by them.
17. People should take these medicines with care.
→ These medicines should be taken with care by people.
18. They distil the best wines in France.
→ The best wines are distilled in France by them.

19. The customer may pay money in instalments.

→ Money may be paid in instalments by the customer.

20. The police have interrogated everyone in the office.

→ Everyone in the office has been interrogated by the police.

21. They will keep all banks open this Sunday.

→ All banks will be kept open this Sunday by them.

22. We are warning you for the last time.

→ You are being warned for the last time by us.

23. They should open a college here.

→ A college should be opened here by them.

24. Your uncle could pay your fees.

→ Your fees could be paid by your uncle.

25. Someone has contacted him earlier also.

→ He has been contacted earlier also.

26. The government might hold elections next year.

→ Elections might be held next year by the government.

27. Some people stopped the train and robbed the passengers between the two stations.

→ The train was stopped by some people and robbed the passengers between the two stations.

28. They will discuss this question tomorrow.

→ This question will be discussed by them tomorrow.

29. They will expect you here on Monday.

→ You will be expected here on Monday by them.

30. Dirty water can spread cholera.

→ Cholera can be spread by dirty water.

Self-assessment Test 2

Change the following into the passive voice.

1. No one will ever know the truth.
→ The truth will never be known by anyone.
2. They could not play the match due to bad light.
→ The match could not be played by them due to bad light.
3. We have never seen such floods before.
→ Such floods have never been seen by us before.
4. No one has ever tested this wine before.
→ This wine has never been tested by anyone.
5. Nobody has touched this box.
→ This box has not been touched by anybody.
6. No one cast a vote in this village.
→ A vote was not cast in this village by anyone.
7. Passengers must not open the doors of the carriage at night.
→ The doors of the carriage must not be opened by passengers at night.
8. Not many people attended the party.
→ The party was not attended by many people.
9. The President did not pardon him.
→ He was not pardoned by the President.
10. We shouldn't punish him for this minor offence.
→ He should not be punished for this minor offence by us.