

Name

1 The basics. Correct the mistakes or write 'Correct!'

- 1 I want being collected from the airport.
- 2 The sofa will delivered next weekend.
- 3 Saturday's match has been postponed.
- 4 Something must to be done.
- 5 By who was the film directed?
- 6 The British Museum's Great Court got designed by Sir Norman Foster.

2 Reasons for using passives. Circle the best way to continue: A or B.

- 1 'How's Edward?'
A 'He's well. He bought a new house last month.' **B** 'He's well. A new house was bought by him last month.'
- 2 There's a large oak tree in our garden.
A Somebody planted it about 100 years ago. **B** It was planted about 100 years ago.
- 3 She ordered the risotto, but it was cold when it arrived.
A So she sent it back to the kitchen. **B** So it was sent back to the kitchen.

3 Reasons for using passives: formality and style. Rewrite the sentences using passive verbs.

- 1 You must provide a daytime phone number.
- 2 We chose three companies to present the product to.
- 3 We found no evidence of inappropriate behaviour.

4 Passive of verbs followed by *that*-clauses. Make the sentences passive.

- ▶ Everybody knows that the prisoner is dangerous (He)
 - ▶ *He is known to be a dangerous prisoner*
- 1 They say there is heavy snow on the way. (*There*)
 - 2 They report that she is worth several billion dollars. (*She*)
 - 3 Forecasters suggest that interest rates will not change this month. (*It*)

 - 4 We know that he is abroad at the moment. (*He*)
 - 5 We understand that the suspect was arrested on Friday morning. (*It*)

 - 6 Some researchers believe that animals can sense when earthquakes will occur. (*Animals*)

5 Passive of verbs with object + noun/adjective complement. Make the sentences passive.

- ▶ The decision made us very happy
 - ▶ *We were made very happy by the decision*
- 1 To be honest, we saw Brian as a bit of a laughing stock.
 - 2 The board appointed a senior player manager.
 - 3 Students regarded Professor Richards as an expert on linguistics.
 - 4 People considered Updike a literary giant.
 - 5 The children called her awful names.



6 Passives and prepositional structures. Correct (✓) or not (x)?

- 1 This car hasn't been well looked after – it's a bit rusty.
- 2 We were thrown stones at, and chased away.
- 3 Excuse me, that surface mustn't be put drinks on, it's very easily stained.
- 4 The plans for the new development have looked carefully at.
- 5 Her views haven't been listened to enough, in my opinion.

7 Adjectival past participles. Choose the most appropriate way(s) to complete each sentence: A, B or both.

- 1 We were extremely shocked.....the news of his death. **A** by **B** at
- 2 It's a fascinating design — the cloth is completely covered.....finely woven flowers. **A** with **B** by
- 3 Their location has been known.....the security forces for several months. **A** to **B** of
- 4 It was a really big story — the papers were filled.....stories about the affair. **A** by **B** with
- 5 I'm not frightened.....dogs — I just don't really like them. **A** of **B** by

8 Mixed structures. Correct the mistakes or write 'Correct'.

- 1 You aren't fitted by that dress.
- 2 The post was delivered by a postman.
- 3 To Frank has been given a clock for his retirement.
- 4 That we had not heard from them for several weeks surprised us.
- 5 Cars may not be parked in front of these gates.
- 6 I was asked to give details of my last job.
- 7 The politician was wanted to give a straight answer by the journalist.
- 8 It was agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the matter in more detail.
- 9 Confidence is lacked by your son – he needs to be more assertive.
- 10 The house is surrounded by beautiful rose gardens.
- 11 Their window is break and will need to be repaired.
- 12 It is started to have great success.