

GRAMMAR

The Passive → (see page 116)

1 Choose the correct answers.

Technoblog

Facebook or Twitter?

Many people ask, which should I use? Facebook or Twitter? For those of you also wondering, here is some advice.

Facebook is easier (to understand) / *to be understood* and ¹ *can use* / *can be used* to find lost friends and share news and photos. Twitter is more immediate and responses ² *usually send* / *are usually sent* more quickly. People often ³ *use* / *are used* Twitter to find new ideas and people.

To make the comparison more simple: Facebook ⁴ *can compare* / *can be compared* to a family wedding where most people ⁵ *know* / *are known* to you. Twitter is more like a party where most of the people are strangers. You ⁶ *want* / *are wanted* to meet people, ⁷ *notice* / *be noticed* and make new friends and acquaintances. If you don't use Facebook very often, the other users ⁸ *will still remember* / *will still be remembered* you. On Twitter, you ⁹ *will soon forget* / *will soon be forgotten* if you don't keep using it.

Which is better? It depends on you and what you want from them. Neither ¹⁰ *should reject* / *should be rejected* before you have tried them. They're both free ¹¹ *to use* / *to be used* so why not sign up today and see if you like them?

2 Complete the passive sentences, using the underlined phrase as the subject of the new sentence.

A taxi took them to the airport.

They were taken to the airport by taxi.

- 1 This time last week Michael Johnson was interviewing us on TV.

This time last week _____
Michael Johnson.

- 2 I have just found out that the company hasn't offered me a job.

I have just found out that _____
a job.

- 3 Are you still upset that they didn't choose you for the team?

Are you still upset that _____
for the team?

- 4 When are they going to pay me my money?

When _____ my money?

- 5 This radio doesn't use batteries. You have to wind it up.

This radio doesn't use batteries.
_____ up.

- 6 When I first got my dog, no-one had trained him at all.

When I first got my dog, _____
at all.

- 7 Somebody had broken this computer before I bought it.

_____ before I bought it.

- 8 Someone is giving the new students a tour of the school.

The _____ a tour of the school.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets: passive infinitive or gerund.

I hope to be given (give) some more time for this project.

- 1 I don't mind _____ (ask) to work late. I get paid a lot of overtime for it.
- 2 Do you ever worry about _____ (sack) from your job?
- 3 How did you manage _____ (pick) for the school team? You're terrible at football.
- 4 My brother needs _____ (show) what to do. He can't work out anything for himself.
- 5 I'm getting used _____ (tell) what to do.
- 6 I hate _____ (forced) to go clothes shopping by my girlfriend.
- 7 Do you expect _____ (pay) for such poor work?
- 8 Do you realise you risk _____ (kill) every time you go on that motorbike?

4 Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Taxing times for Olivier Lainé

In August 2006, French farmer Olivier Lainé was driving along the road in Normandy when he was stopped (stop) by the police and arrested. He ¹ _____ (tell) that he ² _____ (stop) because he had used petrol from crops that he grew on his land. Although he ³ _____ (allow) to use the fuel on his own land, he didn't have a licence to use it on the road. In these days of global warming and high energy prices, it may be surprising to hear that you can ⁴ _____ (arrest) for doing something environmentally friendly. However, the real reason for the arrest is that, at the moment, petrol ⁵ _____ (tax) by the government but the fuel made from plants isn't. Interestingly, in 2005, a law ⁶ _____ (pass) by the EU which stated that environmentally friendly fuels should ⁷ _____ (use) as much as possible.

At the same time that Olivier was having his problems, the oil company, Total, announced that a new fuel ⁸ _____ (develop) which will be made up of a mixture of petroleum-based and plant-based oils. They said that, using this fuel, carbon dioxide would ⁹ _____ (reduce) by 20%. Of course, when this fuel ¹⁰ _____ (sell), it ¹¹ _____ (do) legally. The government may decide that this new petrol shouldn't ¹² _____ (tax) in order to encourage people to use greener fuels but, judging from the reaction in the Olivier Lainé case, it seems that the new fuel will become another source of tax revenue.

Causatives

6 Transform the sentences into causative sentences.

- My transport costs are paid for by my company.
I have my transport costs paid for by my company.
- A courier delivers the director's post.
The director _____
- The company's security system was designed by an electronics specialist.
The company _____
- An optician tests the employees' eyes every year.
The employees _____
- My computer is being repaired by the IT specialist.
I _____
- The head of security took our photographs.
We _____

5 Complete the text using the correct forms of the verbs from the box: active or passive.

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| remove | vote | reflect | ask | use |
| realise | invent | appear | give | |

In 2002, the British Patent Office celebrated its 150th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the BBC radio programme *Today*, asked its listeners to vote for the best and worst inventions of the last 150 years. What was interesting was the number of transport-related inventions which ¹ _____ in the lists. Cat's eyes ² _____ one of the best 10 inventions by the listeners. 'Cat's eyes' was the name that ³ _____ to the small pieces of metal in the road which reflect light, making it easier for drivers to see at night. They ⁴ _____ by Percy Shaw, a Yorkshireman, and ⁵ _____ since 1934. Shaw got the idea after tram lines ⁶ _____ from his home town. After they had gone, he ⁷ _____ that, when his car headlights ⁸ _____ on the tram lines, driving had been much easier. Speed cameras came in the top 10 worst ever inventions.



7 Complete the dialogue using the causative form of the verbs in brackets.

- A** Look at this interview with Bill Gates, he's one of the richest men in the world but he gives a lot of his money to charity.
- B** Yeah, right. But I bet he has a lavish lifestyle. I bet he ¹ has his food prepared (food / prepare) fresh for him every day, and he doesn't go to the shop to buy a newspaper, he ² _____ (newspaper / deliver) to his door.
- A** Well, I don't know about that. I know he drives his own car, he ³ _____ (chauffer not / drive) him all over the place.
- B** OK, but I bet he doesn't wash his own clothes, I bet he ⁴ _____ (clothes / clean) for him by a maid... or probably he just throws his dirty clothes away and ⁵ _____ (his secretary / order) new ones!
- A** You might be right, but he also probably ⁶ _____ (clothes / make) specially for him, he won't wear high street labels.
- B** He's a lucky man.