

## PASSIVE VOICE

✚ Rewrite the following sentences using the passive without changing the meaning of the original sentence.

1. They repair computers in this shop.
2. They haven't found my friend yet.
3. She will buy some cakes.
4. We eat Chinese food with chopsticks.
5. They can win the race.
6. You mustn't use this telephone.
7. How can Rouse believe that story?
8. These kids can't fail the exam.
9. Peter is going to send a letter to Sara.
10. The waiter will bring us the bill.
11. They import these computers from America every year.
12. They will sell sandwiches at school at lunchtime.
13. She posted the parcel yesterday.
14. Do you paint the house every year?
15. They didn't find the child in the forest.
16. Did George Orwell write many novels?
17. Do people drink a lot of beer in Ireland?
18. Rowling has written another Harry Potter book.
19. The experts must find a solution to the problem.
20. You can improve your health with more exercise.
21. The company has promised us a promotion.

✚ Transform these sentences using the causative.

1. Some painters have painted our living room.
2. A hairdresser cut her hair yesterday.
3. A carpenter is going to replace our windows tomorrow.
4. An optician is checking my eyes this afternoon.
5. A mechanic inspected Peter's car last summer.
6. The doctor will pierce her ears.

✚ In the following text there are a number of missing verbs (active and passive) and adverbs. Fill in the gaps with the correct word or phrase from the word below.

<del>had always been</del>	has become	predicted	attacked
had been stolen	had left	sailed	
should have taken	completely	seen	

### ***The Mary Celeste***

The *Mary Celeste* <sup>1</sup> had always been an unlucky ship, but no one could have <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what would happen to it when it set sail from New York in November 1872. The ship was heading for the port of Genoa in northern Italy with a cargo of alcohol. The voyage <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about five weeks, but the ship never arrived at its destination with its crew alive.

On board the ship were the captain, Captain Briggs, his wife and two-year-old daughter, and a crew of seven sailors. After leaving New York harbour they weren't <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ alive again.

The ship was seen off the Azores by a British ship called *Dei Gratia*. It appeared to be in trouble, so the captain of the British ship, Captain Morehouse, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ closer to the *Mary Celeste* to investigate. Nobody answered his calls; three sailors were sent aboard to offer help. But the ship was found to be

<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ deserted.

Some of the sails had been damaged in a storm, but apart from that everything else was in perfect condition. One small boat was missing, along with a map, and some navigation equipment. So it was clear that the crew <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the ship voluntarily. But why would they have left a large, well-equipped, safe ship to get into a much smaller vessel in the middle of the ocean?

If they were forced to abandon the ship, was it because of pirates? In that case, why was the cargo still intact? Nothing <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Had the ship been <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by a huge sea monster? In those days tales of enormous aquatic reptiles and monsters were very popular. Perhaps the crew imagined, or really did see something so frightening they thought they had to escape.

The *Mary Celeste* <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a legend. People still come up with theories about her disappearance. Some people even believe that the crew were taken by an alien spaceship and the captain and his wife got away in the life boat. To this day, no one has offered an explanation which really makes sense.