

Q1. Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

She suggested that her mother be present.

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She really hopes to be ready on time.

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Don't forget to lock the door!

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If Johnny's late, we'll start without him.

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1 mark

Q2. Which verb completes the sentence so that it uses the **subjunctive form**?

I wish I _____ able to join you, but it will not be possible.

Tick **one**.

am

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was

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were

☐

be

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1 mark

Q3. Complete the sentence below so that it uses the **subjunctive form**.

If I _____ to have one wish, it would be for good health.

1 mark

Q4. Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The wind damaged the fence.

Q5. Which sentence uses the **passive**?

Tick **one**.

The school proposed building a new playground.

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The issue was discussed at a council meeting.

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The council voted in favour of the proposal.

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They started building the new playground last week.

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1 mark

Q6. Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active** or the **passive**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
The lost dog was found by the children.		
Everyone heard the thunder.		
Nicole was riding her bike.		

1 mark

Q7. Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The vital clues *were discovered* by the detective.

1 mark

Q8. Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in the **active voice** or the **passive voice**.

Sentence	Active	Passive
Otters live in clean rivers.		
Fish are eaten by otters.		
Usually, otters are playful creatures.		

1 mark

Q9. Rewrite the sentence below so that it is in the active voice.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The results were announced by the judges.

1 mark

Q10. Which sentence is written in the **active voice**?

Tick **one**.

The book was returned to the library yesterday.

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The assembly was held in the hall.

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The bad weather led to the cancellation.

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The floods were caused by the heavy rain.

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1 mark

Q11. Rewrite the sentence below so that it is written in the **passive voice**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The pouring rain drenched us.

1 mark

Q12. Tick to show which sentence includes a **passive** construction.

Tick **one**.

To stop the cars from crossing the bridge, a police officer directed traffic.

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The police officer stopped the cars from crossing the bridge.

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The cars were stopped from crossing the bridge by the police officer.

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The police officer was stopping the cars so they could not cross the bridge.

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1 mark

Q13. Rewrite the sentence below in its **passive** form.

The visitor gave a speech.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

1 mark

Q14. Rewrite the sentence below in the **active** voice.

The warm and sunny evening was enjoyed by the children.

The children _____

1 mark

Q15. Rewrite the sentence below, changing it into the **passive** voice.

Many people like cycling.

1 mark

Q16.

Elizabeth ate the biscuits. (active)

The biscuits were eaten by Elizabeth. (passive)

The sentences below have been written in the active voice.

Rewrite them in the passive voice.

The coastguard rescued her.

The ambulance took her to the hospital.

2 marks

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Mark schemes

Q1.

She suggested that her mother be present. ☒

1 mark

Q2.

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were ☒
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1 mark

Q3.

Award 1 mark for the subjunctive form.

- *were*

Do not accept responses using capital letters.

1 mark

Q4.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the passive, e.g.

- *The fence was damaged by the wind.*
- *The fence was damaged by wind.*
- *The fence was damaged.*

Also accept

- *The fence got damaged by (the) wind.*
- *The fence got damaged.*

Do not accept a change to the verb or tense, e.g.

- *The fence is damaged.*
- *The fence was destroyed.*

Do not accept misspellings of verb forms.

1 mark

Q5.

Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.

The issue was discussed at a council meeting. ☒

1 mark

Q6.

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Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.

	Active	Passive
The lost dog was found by the children.		✓
Everyone heard the thunder.	✓	
Nicole was riding her bike.	✓	

1 mark

Q7.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active.

The detective discovered the vital clues.

1 mark

Q8.

Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.

Sentence	Active	Passive
Otters live in clean rivers.	✓	
Fish are eaten by otters.		✓
Usually, otters are playful creatures.	✓	

1 mark

Q9.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active voice.

The judges announced the results.

1 mark

Q10.

The bad weather led to the cancellation.

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1 mark

Q11.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the passive voice, e.g.

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- *We were drenched.*
- *We were drenched by the pouring rain.*
- *We were drenched by the rain.*

Do not accept responses that change the verb or tense, e.g.

- *We were soaked [by the pouring rain].*
- *We are drenched [by the pouring rain].*

1 mark

Q12.

The cars were stopped from crossing the bridge by the police officer.

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1 mark

Q13.

Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct and accurately punctuated passive sentence, eg:

- *A speech was given by the visitor.*
- *A speech was given.*

Do not accept responses which change the verb or the tense, eg:

- *A speech is given by the visitor.*
- *A speech was said by the visitor.*

1 mark

Q14.

Award 1 mark for a correct active construction.

The children enjoyed the warm and sunny evening.

Do not accept responses that omit correct end punctuation.

1 mark

Q15.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated passive construction.

Cycling is liked by many people.

Also accept responses which use synonyms for 'many people', eg:

- *everyone / all / everybody*

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Do not accept responses in which the verb or tense has been changed, eg:

- *Cycling was enjoyed by many people.*

1 mark

Q16.

Award marks for the correct passive / agentless passive construction, eg:

- (i) • *She was rescued by the coastguard.*
• *She got rescued by the coastguard.*
• *She was / got rescued.*
- (ii) • *She was taken to hospital by (the) ambulance.*
• *She was taken to hospital.*
• *She got taken to hospital.*

Award **2 marks** for both correct.

Award **1 mark** for one correct.

Do not accept responses in which the tense is changed, eg:

- *She is rescued by the coastguard.*

Do not accept non-standard grammar, eg:

- *...was took...*

Up to 2 marks