

# Advanced Passive Structures Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

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## Exercise A · Transform to the passive (Q1-5)

Use the tense indicated.

1. They are investigating the case. (present continuous passive)  
-> \_\_\_\_\_
2. Someone had stolen the painting before the alarm went off. (past perfect passive)  
-> \_\_\_\_\_
3. They will have completed the project by May. (future perfect passive)  
-> \_\_\_\_\_
4. People believe that he is innocent. (impersonal passive: It is believed ...)  
-> \_\_\_\_\_
5. They expect the results to be published next week. (passive infinitive)  
-> \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise B · True or False (Q6-10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

6. 'It is said that ...' is an example of an impersonal passive.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
7. The passive can be used with continuous, perfect, and modal forms.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. 'The window was being broken' is the past perfect passive.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. 'He is believed to be innocent' uses a passive infinitive construction.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Impersonal passives are common in formal and academic writing.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

# Advanced Passive Structures Worksheet - Side B

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## Exercise C · Rewrite with an impersonal passive (Q11-14)

Use 'It is/was ... that' OR 'Subject + passive infinitive'.

11. People think that the economy will improve.

-> \_\_\_\_\_

12. People reported that the fire started at midnight.

-> \_\_\_\_\_

13. Experts claim that the discovery is groundbreaking.

-> \_\_\_\_\_

14. Historians believe that the city was founded in 300 BC.

-> \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the correct advanced passive form.

15. The suspect \_\_\_ questioned for several hours before being released.

(a) was being (b) had been (c) is being

16. It \_\_\_ that the policy will change next year.

(a) is expected (b) was expected (c) expects

17. The results \_\_\_ by the end of the month.

(a) will publish (b) will have been published (c) will be publishing

## Exercise E · Write your own advanced passives (Q18-20)

Use each passive structure in a sentence.

18. Impersonal passive ('It is reported that ...') ->

-> \_\_\_\_\_

19. Passive infinitive ('is believed to ...') ->

-> \_\_\_\_\_

20. Past continuous passive ->

-> \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer Sheet - Advanced Passive Structures Worksheet

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## Exercise A - Transform to the passive

Q1-5

1. The case is being investigated.
2. The painting had been stolen before the alarm went off.
3. The project will have been completed by May.
4. It is believed that he is innocent.
5. The results are expected to be published next week.

## Exercise B - True or False

Q6-10

6. T
7. T
8. F
9. T
10. T

## Exercise C - Rewrite with an impersonal passive

Q11-14

11. It is thought that the economy will improve. / The economy is thought to improve.
12. It was reported that the fire started at midnight.
13. It is claimed that the discovery is groundbreaking.
14. It is believed that the city was founded in 300 BC.

## Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. had been
16. is expected
17. will have been published

## Exercise E - Write your own advanced passives

Q18-20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points | Side A: Q1-10 | Side B: Q11-20