

## Active and Passive Voice Practice

### Exercise 1

Identify each verb as *active* or *passive*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The authorities have been notified.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ This lettuce was grown in our own garden.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Mom added fresh mushrooms just before serving the salad.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Delegates to the convention have already been selected.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Every scrap of food was eaten during the party.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The team will elect a new captain tomorrow.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ That car was stolen from the municipal parking lot.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Lydia has been visiting us this week.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Damian has already chosen his courses.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The governor has been asked to speak.

### Exercise 2

Identify each verb as *active* or *passive*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The bitter medicine was taken by my sister.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Delegates to the convention have been chosen by the voters.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ We each purchased several new outfits for spring.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Later, the speaker wrote a letter of apology.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Bread crumbs were then sprinkled on the fish.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Many wild animals live in the forest.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Surgery was performed by a team of specialists.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Ellen grew her own fresh vegetables this summer.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ In the winter, snow covers the mountains.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The bad news was then given to Brad by the coach.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Representatives had been selected earlier by Congress
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Kansas City was reached by the convoy in two hours.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ I always read the evening paper after dinner.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ After the debate on Tuesday, the report was accepted.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ The president has appointed a new ambassador.

### Exercise 3A

Label the three necessary uses of the passive voice in the sentences below as **A** (appropriate).

Label the other uses as **U** (unnecessary).

*EXAMPLE: Jason was asked by his mother to answer the phone. U*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A grand slam home run was hit by the catcher.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln was elected to his first term in 1860.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ This sweater was knitted for me by my favorite aunt.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ In 1983 the America's Cup races were won by Australia.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Many restaurants are closed on Mondays.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ That model airplane was made by Paul.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Federal income tax returns must be postmarked by midnight on April 15.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Candidates will be judged by the voters on their merits, not on their speeches.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I have been being followed by that dog for three blocks.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner is being fixed by Mom right now.

