

Lesson 2: Paraphrase by Changing Active to Passive

What to do: Here are 17 sentences. They are written in the active form. Rewrite the sentences into the passive form. For example.

A tornado destroyed the house.

Change to: The house was destroyed by a tornado.

The doctor had treated hundreds of patients before he received his medical license.

Change to: Hundreds of patients have been treated by the doctor before he received his medical license.

1. My mother washes the floor every Saturday.

2. The policewoman is delivering the food to an orphanage.

3. That tall man in the corner mailed our package.

4. The professor was helping a student when the bell sounded.

5. Millions of tourists have visited the Eiffel Tower.

6. John and George have been filling the on-line orders.

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7. Jim had been tutoring the twins for six months before he decided to go to Tibet.

8. The green team will finish the new truck design by next week.

9. In 2011, the columnist is going to be writing a book about Albert Einstein.

10. Next month, John will write a story about European hockey players.

11. My son will have earned enough high school credits by next semester.

12. The French professors used to teach students in the East Building.

13. My teachers would always assign spring break homework.

14. We all knew the team would finish the project on time.

15. I thought Jennifer was going to make the travel arrangements.

Lesson 2: Suggested Answers

1. The floor is washed by my mother every Saturday.
2. The food is being delivered to the orphanage by the policewoman.
3. Our package was mailed by that tall man in the corner.
4. A student was being helped by the professor when the bell sounded.
5. The Eiffel Tower has been visited by millions of tourists.
6. The on-line orders have been filled by John and George.
7. The twins had been tutored for six months by Jim before he decided to go to Tibet.
8. The new truck design will be finished by the green team by next week.
9. A book about Albert Einstein is going to be written by the columnist in 2011.
10. A story about European hockey players will be written by John next month.
11. Enough high school credits will have been earned by my son by next semester.
12. Students in the East Building used to be taught by the French professors.
13. Spring break homework would always be assigned by my teachers.
14. We all knew the project would be finished on time by the team.
15. I thought the travel arrangements were going to be made by Jennifer.