

## PASSIVE VOICE EXERCISES + KEY

*Turn the verbs in the following sentences into the passive, but do not change the tenses!  
The original subject disappears because it is not important.*

E.g.: Somebody fetched a chair for Mrs Dixon. => A chair was fetched for Mrs Dixon.

- 1) They speak French at this shop.
- 2) Somebody stole my car.
- 3) They have sent the books to the wrong address.
- 4) Somebody will bring the beer.
- 5) Somebody has bought this fur coat.
- 6) Somebody has left this umbrella behind.
- 7) They haven't caught the robbers yet.
- 8) They don't drink ice-cold beer in England.
- 9) They eat a lot of fish.
- 10) They drink tea with milk at least five times a day.
- 11) They discuss the weather every day.
- 12) Some men robbed the Glasgow-London mail train in 1961.
- 13) They stopped the train between two stations.
- 14) They disconnected the engine and the first two coaches.
- 15) They drove them to a lonely bridge.
- 16) People discussed the mail robbery all over the world.
- 17) The police caught some of the robbers and found part of the money..
- 18) The court sentenced the men in January 1964.
- 19) Somebody will look after their children.
- 20) You have not paid for the car.

## **KEY**

- 1. French is spoken at this shop.**
- 2. My car was stolen.**
- 3. The books have been sent to the wrong address.**
- 4. The beer will be brought.**
- 5. This fur coat has been sold. (This fur coat has been bought.)**
- 6. This umbrella has been left behind.**
- 7. The robbers haven't been caught yet.**
- 8. Ice-cold beer is not drunk in England.**
- 9. A lot of fish is eaten.**
- 10. Tea with milk is drunk at least five times a day.**
- 11. The weather is discussed every day.**
- 12. The Glasgow-London mail train was robbed in 1961.**
- 13. The train was stopped between two stations.**
- 14. The engine and the first two coaches were disconnected.**
- 15. They were driven to a lonely bridge.**
- 16. The mail robbery was discussed all over the world.**
- 17. Some of the robbers were caught and part of the money was found.**
- 18. The men were sentenced in January 1964.**
- 19. Their children will be looked after.**
- 20. The car has not been paid for.**