

Practice Exercises – Passives

Review all the *Passive Verb Forms* before doing the exercises.

Choose the answer that is grammatically correct in the context of the sentence. There is only one correct answer.

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1. Do you know if any new agreements were _____ last year to protect the environment?
 - a. making
 - b. been made
 - c. made
 - d. make
2. My silk blouse is still dirty. It hasn't been _____ well.
 - a. washed
 - b. wash
 - c. washing
 - d. not washing
3. John didn't expect to _____ by the shop manager, but he was.
 - a. fire
 - b. be firing
 - c. fired
 - d. be fired
4. German literature won't _____ in this faculty any more.
 - a. been taught
 - b. teach
 - c. be taught
 - d. be teaching
5. Antibiotics shouldn't _____ to treat the common cold.
 - a. be used
 - b. use
 - c. be using
 - d. been used
6. Al: "Where's my jacket? I can't find it anywhere." Paula: "At the drycleaner's; it _____."
 - a. 's being cleaned
 - b. been cleaned
 - c. is cleaning
 - d. has cleaned
7. This house wasn't _____ by my father, but by my great grandfather.
 - a. build
 - b. been built
 - c. built
 - d. building
8. Sheila was surprised that she hadn't _____ to team leader of the project.
 - a. promote
 - b. been promoting
 - c. been promoted
 - d. promoted
9. Do you think that cough medicine should _____ without a doctor's prescription?
 - a. be selling
 - b. be sold
 - c. been sold
 - d. sold

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10. Audrey is only thirteen, but she is _____ to stay out late every weekend.
a. allow
b. allowed
c. been allowed
d. allowing
11. Ann has just _____ a high-paying job by *Valentino Fashion Group*.
a. been offered
b. being offered
c. been offering
d. offered
12. John was upset because he wouldn't _____ the raise the boss had promised him.
a. be given
b. give
c. be giving
d. been given
13. "The rules of this school have to _____ by everyone," said the teacher.
a. follow
b. be followed
c. be following
d. followed
14. The living room floor was shiny because it had been _____ yesterday.
a. to be polished
b. polishing
c. polish
d. polished
15. While my picture was _____, my cell phone rang.
a. took
b. taking
c. been taken
d. being taken
16. A lot of money is _____ to charity every year.
a. been donated
b. donated
c. donate
d. been donating
17. Janet was waiting to _____ by the head of personnel for the position of project manager.
a. been interviewed
b. interviewed
c. interviewing
d. be interviewed
18. Joe is _____ for the position of vice-president of the company.
a. been considered
b. consider
c. considering
d. being considered
19. I didn't think that I'd _____ to Martha's party, but I was.
a. invite
b. be invited
c. invited
d. be inviting

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20. Mary won't _____ to Los Angeles until next year.
a. been transferred
b. transferring
c. be transferred
d. transferred
21. Is whiskey only _____ in Scotland?
a. make
b. been made
c. made
d. making
22. Mr. Brown has _____ a gold watch by his firm.
a. being given
b. given
c. giving
d. been given
23. I heard that John won't _____ a letter requesting his resignation.
a. be sent
b. sending
c. been sent
d. to send
24. The criminal was _____ a pardon by the Governor of Florida.
a. granting
b. granted
c. been granted
d. grant
25. Everything the eyewitness was saying was _____ by the police.
a. been recorded
b. being recorded
c. recording
d. record
26. Mary's wedding must _____ off for six months because she's just broken her leg.
a. be put
b. be putting
c. put
d. been put
27. The suspicious circumstances of the criminal's death are _____ into.
a. being looked
b. been looked
c. looking
d. look
28. When the manager of *Cartier* arrived at the store, he found that it had _____ into.
a. been broken
b. broken
c. being broken
d. broke
29. The fireworks could _____ for miles.
a. be seeing
b. be seen
c. seen
d. see

Practice Exercises – Passives:

30. Our friend is going to _____ *Commendatore* by the President of Italy.

- a. be nominating
- b. been nominated
- c. be nominated
- d. nominate

31. When was the Empire State Building _____?

- a. building
- b. build
- c. built
- d. to build

32. When John arrived, dessert was _____.

- a. been served
- b. being served
- c. serving
- d. serve