

1 Rewrite the sentences in the passive and include the agent where necessary. Then decide in which sentences the agent is not required and the reason why.

- Stella McCartney designed the collection.
The collection was designed by Stella McCartney.
- People have abandoned these buildings.
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- Andrea Berloff is directing the film.
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- Companies produce nearly all of the world's maple syrup in Canada.
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- A demolition crew will demolish the bridge in January.
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- Did animals make these strange markings?
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- I think people will misunderstand his message.
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- A bee has never stung me.
.....

2 Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verb in brackets. Then mark the reason for no agent in these sentences. (O) = obvious, (U) = unknown, (S) = secret.

- While we were on holiday, our house was burgled. (burgle) U
- On this cooking course you will learn about spices and you (show) new ways to combine flavours.
- It's such a shame. That amazing mural (vandalise) again.
- Yesterday afternoon I (inform) that you cheated in the maths test.
- Greg (operate) at 9 am tomorrow.
- One of our journalists just (show) a private email between the two politicians.

3 Complete the sentences with a verb in each box. Put the first verb in an appropriate form and the second verb in the passive.

appreciate can't stand imagine
must need would love

accuse edit offer remove take tell

- Books usually need to be edited a lot before they are published.
- Can you imagine of a crime you didn't commit?

3 My brother can't stand that he is wrong.

4 Before entering the temple, all footwear must
.....

5 I would love on a guided tour of a film studio. It would be fascinating.

6 Although I didn't accept the job in the end, I appreciated it.

4 Complete the sentences with a causative form and the words in brackets. Add any necessary determiners.

1 It was a little complicated so I got a friend to explain it to me. (friend / explain)

2 I was just a baby when I (ears / pierce)

3 Please contact me so I can arrange your travel. (assistant / contact)

4 My poor mother when she was on holiday. (wedding ring / steal)

5 I'm sorry sir. I'll you one without cheese right away. (chef / prepare)

6 If it's not working then why don't you you one that does work? (shop / send)

7 Would you like to one day? (stories / publish)

8 Some parents on their arms. (childrens' names / tattoo)

5 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Some sentences are correct.

 **1** Students get tired of be tested all the time.
X tired of being tested

2 I don't expect that they treat me that way.
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3 Are you looking forward to being shown around the city?

4 I need to have a plumber to come to fix the toilet.
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5 Carl's not used to be told how to do his job.
.....

6 Don't worry. I'll get that my brother prints it for you.
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7 They told me that the dishwasher is too old for being repaired.

8 Alexa couldn't enter the house because she had stolen her keys.

1

- 2 These buildings have been abandoned.
- 3 The film is being directed by Andrea Berloff.
- 4 Nearly all of the world's maple syrup is produced in Canada.
- 5 The bridge will be demolished in January.
- 6 Were these strange markings made by animals?
- 7 I think his message will be misunderstood.
- 8 I've never been stung by a bee.

The agent is not required in sentences 2,4,5 and 7. In each case, the agent is obvious.

2

- 2 will be shown, O
- 3 has been vandalised, U
- 4 was informed, S
- 5 will be operated on / is being operated on / is going to be operated on, O
- 6 has (just) been shown, S

3

- 2 imagine being accused
- 3 can't stand being told
- 4 must be removed
- 5 would love to be taken
- 6 appreciated being offered

4

- 2 had / got my ears pierced
- 3 have your assistant contact
- 4 had her wedding ring stolen
- 5 have the chef prepare
- 6 get the shop to send (*have the shop send* is possible but is formal)
- 7 have your stories published
- 8 have / get their children's names tattooed

5

- 2 **X** expect **to be treated** that way / expect **them to treat** me that way
- 3 ✓
- 4 **X** get a plumber to come / have a plumber **come**, or I need to **get** / **have the toilet fixed**.
- 5 **X** used to **being** told
- 6 **X** get **my brother to print** it
- 7 **X** too old **to be** repaired (also **I was told** that the dishwasher... would be appropriate)
- 8 **X** because she'd **had her keys stolen**