

1. Change the orange parts of the sentences to the passive voice:



a. We were shopping for a new laptop because someone had stolen mine two days earlier.

We were shopping for a new laptop because mine had been stolen two days earlier.



b. When I was on Main Street, I saw the police. They were arresting someone.

When I was on Main Street, I saw the police. Someone was being arrested.

When I was on Main Street, I saw (that ) someone was being arrested.



c. The food is so fresh at this restaurant. To give you an example, **they baked this bread** just this morning.

The food is so fresh at this restaurant. To give you an example, this bread was baked just this morning.



d. We couldn't buy any tickets for the concert because **they had sold all of them** the day before.

We couldn't buy any tickets for the concert because all of them had been sold the day before.



e. When the typhoon arrived in my city, **it had already destroyed many homes and buildings** in other places.

When the typhoon arrived in my city, many homes and buildings had already been destroyed.



f. When **I took this photo**, you were just a child.

When this photo was taken, you were just a child.

You were a child when the photo was taken.



g. I was free all day on Saturday because **they had cancelled my soccer game.**

I was free all day on Saturday because my soccer game had been cancelled.



h. When I bought the car, it was clear to me that **no one had ever cleaned it** before.

When I bought the car, it was clear to me that it had never been cleaned before.



i. They removed the “for sale” signs because **someone had finally bought the land.**

They removed the “for sale” signs because the land had finally been bought.



j. They rebuilt the house two years after it had been destroyed in the fire.

The house was rebuilt two years after it had been destroyed in the fire.



k. It was hard to have a conversation with anyone at the party because they were playing loud music.





It was hard to have a conversation with anyone at the party because loud music was being played.











l. In order to break in, someone forced open the back door.

In order to break in, the back door was forced open.

**2. Complete the sentences in the passive voice. Use the Past Simple, Continuous, or Perfect:**

a.		Because of the landslide, the road <b>was closed</b> (close) by the police.
b.		This damage <b>was caused</b> (cause) by a flood.
c.		Sandy arrived while lunch <b>was being made</b> (make).
d.		This computer was two hundred dollars off because the box <b>had already been opened</b> (already / open).

e.		I turned off the lights because the room <b>wasn't being used</b> (not / use).
f.		We were at the park when this photo <b>was taken</b> (take).
g.		When I got to the party, all the food <b>had already been eaten</b> (already / eat).
h.		We didn't have a car to drive because mine <b>was being fixed</b> (fix) at the shop.
i.		The door <b>was forced</b> (force) open by the strong winds of the typhoon.

j.		While the students <b>were being taught</b> (teach) English grammar, class <b>was interrupted</b> (interrupt) by the ringing of a phone.
k.		The frightened screams inside the movie theatre <b>were heard</b> (hear) out on the street.
l.		Nobody was near the coast when the tsunami arrived as <b>everyone had been warned</b> (warn) two hours earlier when the alarm went off.

3. Complete the sentences with the words in parentheses in the Past Simple, Continuous, or Perfect. Should the words in parentheses be used in the active or passive voice? Do not change the order of the words:



- a. The man didn't get the job because (he / lack / experience).  
The man didn't get the job because he lacked experience.



- b. I took the old coffee machine home because (it / not / use).  
I took the old coffee machine home because it wasn't being used.



- c. He was arrested by the police because (he / not / have / a driver's license).  
He was arrested by the police because he didn't have a driver's license.



d. (The swimming teacher / try / her best), but the boy was too frightened to put his head underwater.

The swimming teacher tried her best, but the boy was too frightened to put his head underwater.



e. When (John / finally / appear), we were able to start the meeting.

When John finally appeared, we were able to start the meeting.



f. The door was open because it (not / lock).

The door was open because it hadn't been locked.



- g. This time last year, we were living in our old place. This house (still / build).  
This time last year, we were living in our old place. This house was still being built.



- h. (I / never / think about / it) until you said that.  
I had never thought about it until you said that.



- i. When we went to the restaurant, we couldn't sit at our normal table because (it / use) by some other customers.  
When we went to the restaurant, we couldn't sit at our normal table because it was being used by some other customers.



j. I was surprised my car was having problems again because (it / fix) just two months earlier.

I was surprised my car was having problems again because it had been fixed just two months earlier.



k. This wine was expensive because (it / bottle) more than twenty years ago.

This wine was expensive because it was bottled more than twenty years ago.



l. (Nobody / know) about the problem until it was too late.

Nobody knew about the problem until it was too late.