

## **Passive exercise 1:**

**1) I call the doctor.**

*The doctor is called (by me).*

**2) Jack is calling the police.**

*The police is being called (by Jack).*

**3) They punished me for something I didn't do.**

*I was punished for something I didn't do..*

**4) Too much power will destroy this engine.**

**5) He is doing a good job.**

**6) This machine produces very expensive tools.**

**7) Little Joe has beaten his sister Mary again.**

**8) You can see Gibraltar when the weather is fine.**

**9) Tens of thousands of people have seen the new film by Steven Spielberg.**

**10) He measured an electric current I.**

**11) This woman has saved the cat from being killed by a car.**

**12) The engineers were developing a new type of scanner.**

**4) This engine will be destroyed by too much power.**

**5) A good job is being done by him.**

**6) Very expensive tools are produced by this machine.**

**7) Mary has been beaten by Little Joe again.**

**Or: Mary has again been beaten by Little Joe.**

**8) Gibraltar can be seen when the weather is fine.**

**9) The new film by Steven Spielberg has been seen by tens of thousands of people.**

**10) An electric current I was measured.**

**11) The cat has been saved from being killed by a car by that woman.**

**12) A new type of scanner was being developed by the engineers.**

## **Passive exercise 2:**

**Rule:** If we have an unimportant or unknown active voice subject (*Deutsch: Man..., Leute...,* ) we don't express this in the passive voice.  
(the agent “by” is not needed)

1) People speak English all over the world.

*English is spoken all over the world.*

2) Someone has invited you for dinner.

*You have been invited for dinner.*

3) No one has opened these boxes for the last 20 years.

*These boxes have not been opened for the last 20 years.*

4) Someone built this bridge last year.

5) We will discuss this matter tomorrow.

6) They make a book of paper.

7) What have people done about this?

8) One praises a pupil when he works hard.

9) They are building a house.

10) You should do this-exercise.

11) Yesterday evening they were configuring that new PC.

12) Scientists had discovered a new virus.

4) This bridge was built last year.

5) This matter will be discussed tomorrow.

6) A book of paper is made.

7) What has been done about this?

8) A pupil is praised when he works hard.

9) A house is being built.

10) This exercise should be done.

11) That new PC was being configured yesterday evening.

12) A new virus had been discovered.

### **Passive exercise 3:**

*Change the following sentences into the passive voice (in two ways if possible).*

- 1) The teacher told the children a nice story.

*A nice story was told the children by the teacher.  
The children were told a nice story by the teacher.*

- 2) The workers are repairing the bridge.

*The bridge is being repaired.*

- 3) What did they steal?

*What was stolen by them?*

- 4) The famous author is writing a new novel.  
5) Some criminals have stolen his car.  
6) The man gave the ticket to the guard.  
7) Has a dog ever bitten you?  
8) He wants someone to take photographs.  
9) Someone gave her a nice picture.  
10) My friend showed me all the rooms of his new house.  
11) We have expected you.

- 4) A new novel is being written by the famous author.  
5) His car has been stolen by some criminals.  
6) The ticket was given to the guard *(by the man)*.  
The guard was given the ticket *(by the man)*.  
7) Have you ever been bitten by a dog?  
8) He wants photographs to be taken.  
9) She was given a nice picture.  
A nice picture was given to her.  
10) I was shown all the rooms of the new house of my friend's.  
All the rooms of the new house of my friend's were shown to me.  
11) You have been expected.