

Passives Exercises 2

Use the verb in parentheses with any appropriate modal or similar expression. All of the sentences are passive. In many sentences, more than one modal is possible. Use the modal that sounds best to you.

1. The entire valley (see) can be seen from their mountain home.
2. He is wearing a gold ring on his fourth finger. He (marry) _____.
3. According to our teacher, all of our compositions (write) _____ in ink. He won't accept papers written in pencil.
4. I found this book on my desk when I came to class. It (leave) _____ by one of the students in the earlier class.
5. Five of the committee members will be unable to attend the next meeting. In my opinion, the meeting (postpone) _____.
6. A child (give, not) _____ everything he or she wants.
7. Your daughter has a good voice. Her interest in singing (encourage) _____.
8. Try to speak slowly when you give your speech. If you don't, some of your words (misunderstand) _____.
9. Some UFO sightings (explain, not) _____ easily. No one is able to explain them easily.

10. What? You tripped over a chair at the party and dropped your plate of food into a woman's lap?

You (embarrass) _____!

11. She is very lazy. If you want her to do anything, she (push) _____.

12. The hospital in that small town is very old and can no longer serve the needs of the community.

A new hospital (build) _____ years ago.

13. Whales (save) _____ from extinction.

14. We can't wait any longer! Something (do) _____ immediately!

15. In my opinion, she (elect) _____ because she is honest, knowledgeable, and competent.