

**Passive Voice- Discuss and Agree**  
**Including verbs which aren't used in the passive**

*Work in pairs or small groups. Choose sentences from below and try to write sentences that you both/ all agree with. If you disagree, keep discussing until you agree, change topic or change sentence. Whenever you agree, write the sentence down, then switch to another sentence.*

**Possible topics**

alcohol  
architecture  
art  
business  
drugs  
the economy  
education  
the elderly  
elections  
the environment  
families  
fuel  
globalisation  
government policy  
health  
housing  
international organisations  
international relations  
manufacturing  
media  
migration  
nature  
news coverage  
politics  
population  
power  
religion  
smoking  
social problems  
taxation  
technology  
urban planning  
violence  
work

**Sentences to discuss and complete**

- \_\_\_\_\_ can be achieved by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ will be affected by \_\_\_\_\_ in the next few years
- \_\_\_\_\_ should be allowed/ permitted/ legalised (for \_\_\_\_\_)
- Problems with \_\_\_\_\_ will arise in the future if \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ should be arrested for \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ should be banned/ forbidden/ prohibited (for \_\_\_\_\_)
- It used to be believed that \_\_\_\_\_ but no one should hold that belief nowadays
- (The last) \_\_\_\_\_ was (mainly) caused by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be changed (to \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ need to be constructed
- \_\_\_\_\_ should be cut (by/ to/ for \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ will be damaged by \_\_\_\_\_ (unless \_\_\_\_\_)
- Help for unemployed people should depend on \_\_\_\_\_
- Fewer people would die from \_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ will disappear unless \_\_\_\_\_
- More research needs to be done on \_\_\_\_\_
- The main reason that \_\_\_\_\_ (still) exists is \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ are being (unfairly/ excessively) exploited at the moment (by \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ would grow if \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ must be halted/ scrapped
- \_\_\_\_\_ happens/ occurs because \_\_\_\_\_
- Too much \_\_\_\_\_ is imported (from \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ could be improved by \_\_\_\_\_



- \_\_\_\_\_ could lead to \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ has to be limited (by/ to \_\_\_\_\_)
- The best \_\_\_\_\_ is located/ is situated \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ are opposed by (many/ most) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ should be (mainly/ only) powered by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ should be protected from \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ could be prevented by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't been (conclusively/ convincingly) proven/ determined (yet)
- \_\_\_\_\_ should be raised (by/ to \_\_\_\_\_)
- Not enough \_\_\_\_\_ is recycled (by \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be reformed (by/ to \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ will have been totally replaced by \_\_\_\_\_ within \_\_\_\_\_ years
- More \_\_\_\_\_ are required (by/ to/ for \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ would result in \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is (often) said to be \_\_\_\_\_ but this is probably incorrect
- \_\_\_\_\_ will never be solved by technology.
- \_\_\_\_\_ should(n't) be subsidised (by \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is supported by \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ should take part in \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is thought to be \_\_\_\_\_ and this is probably correct
- Too much \_\_\_\_\_ is used (to \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ won't be used in the year \_\_\_\_\_

Ask about any sentences above that you can't understand or couldn't complete.

**Passive voice presentation**

Put the verbs below into the correct form, in the passive if possible. Some can't be passive

and so should be written in the correct active form. Most sentences are about the present, but read the whole sentence to check if each should past, present or future.

- A cut in CO2 can \_\_\_\_\_ (achieve) by fusion power.
- Employment \_\_\_\_\_ (affect) by AI in the next few years
- Marijuana should \_\_\_\_\_ (allow/ permit/ legalise) for medical purposes.
- Problems with elderly care \_\_\_\_\_ (arise) in the future if immigration isn't made easier.
- It used to \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) that slavery is natural but no one should hold that belief nowadays
- The last financial crisis \_\_\_\_\_ (mainly cause) by a lack of controls on banks
- More social housing needs to \_\_\_\_\_ (construct)
- The price of education should \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) for poorer families.
- Help for unemployed people should \_\_\_\_\_ (depend on) how likely they are to get work.
- Fewer people \_\_\_\_\_ (die) from pollution if we used more nuclear power.
- Many species \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear) unless we preserve them in zoos.
- More research needs to \_\_\_\_\_ (do) on genetic reasons for crime.
- The main reason that poverty still \_\_\_\_\_ (exist) is that voters believe they too might join the rich
- Foreign trainees \_\_\_\_\_ (exploit) at the moment by employers.
- The economy \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) if the government invested more in renewable energy.
- The building of large dams must \_\_\_\_\_ (halt/ scrap).
- Domestic violence \_\_\_\_\_ (happen/ occur) because it isn't punished harshly enough.
- Too much oil \_\_\_\_\_ (import) from the Middle East.
- The environment could \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) by architects putting plants on buildings.
- Donald Trump's tweets could \_\_\_\_\_ (lead to) war.
- Smoking has to \_\_\_\_\_ (limit) by new legislation to only the older generations who have already got the habit.
- Deforestation could \_\_\_\_\_ (prevent) by more recycling.



- The need for more inflation \_\_\_\_\_ (conclusively prove) yet.
- Not enough packaging \_\_\_\_\_ (recycle) by supermarkets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be reformed (by/ to \_\_\_\_\_)
- Gasoline cars \_\_\_\_\_ (totally replace) by non-polluting vehicles within 30 years.
- More investment \_\_\_\_\_ (require) for public transport.
- A major nuclear war \_\_\_\_\_ (result in) the end of the human species.
- Teenage rebellion \_\_\_\_\_ (often say) to be natural but this is probably incorrect
- Mental disease \_\_\_\_\_ (never solve) by technology.
- Lower government spending \_\_\_\_\_ (support) by most voters
- 16 year olds should \_\_\_\_\_ (take part in) national referendums.
- Most depression \_\_\_\_\_  
(think) to be connected to your genes and this is probably correct

*Check above. Other forms are sometimes possible, so check with your teacher if you wrote something different. Then discuss if you agree with these completed sentences.*