

Passive Review

Remember:

- The form of passive: **object + be + past participle**
- The verb **'be'** changes in different tenses
- The **past participle** does not! It's always at the **end** of the passive verb.
- Think about the **tense** – don't just dive in!
- Some verbs have different relationships with **direct** & **indirect** objects.

Exercise 1

Fill the gap with the verb provided. Choose if it is passive / active and what tense it should be!

1. Joanne's leg in three places in the car accident. (break)
2. My child twice in the past two years. (vaccine)
3. Sarah to take her medication over a period of two weeks. (forget)
4. Mr Smith's upcoming operation by Dr Johansen. (perform)
5. His blood pressure overnight. (increase)
6. Mr Gardner's antibiotic therapy (..... immediately after admission. (commence)

Exercise 2

Choose a verb from the box to paraphrase/respond to the sentences below

notify	give	deteriorate	have	explain
discuss	tell	undergo	exacerbate	

1. We had a conversation with a nurse about my son's treatment. Now we know about his medication.
2. The doctor said I needed an operation on my toe.
3. I'm not sure what the problem is but Mr Smith's condition is a lot worse today than yesterday.

Answers

Exercise 1

1. Joanne's leg *had been / was broken* in three places in the car accident. (break)
2. My child *has been vaccinated* twice in the past two years. (vaccine)
3. Sarah *has forgotten / forgot* to take her medication over a period of two weeks. (forget)
4. Mr Smith's upcoming operation *will be performed* by Dr Johansen. (perform)
5. His blood pressure *has increased* overnight. (increase)
6. Mr Gardner's antibiotic therapy *(was) commenced* immediately after admission. (commence)

Exercise 2

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1. **We had a conversation with a nurse about my son's treatment. Now we know about his medication.**
 - We discussed my son's treatment and medication with a nurse.
 - The nurse has given information about my son's medication.
 - The nurse gave me some information about my son's treatment
 - some information about my son's treatment was given to me by the nurse.
 - I was given some information about my son's treatment by the nurse
 - We were notified regarding our son's treatment.
 - My son's treatment *was discussed* by the nurse.
2. **The doctor said I needed an operation on my toe.**
 - The doctor informed me I needed an operation.
 - I was informed by the doctor that I needed an operation.
 - I was notified about needing an operation.
 - I was told that I needed an operation.
 - An operation was discussed with my doctor.
3. **I'm not sure what the problem is but Mr Smith's condition is a lot worse today than yesterday. I think it was lack of sleep**
 - Mr Smith's condition has deteriorated.
 - A lack of sleep has exacerbated Mr Smith's condition.