

## 19<sup>th</sup> November

### OET Writing – Passive Voice Continued

#### Starter

Change the sentences below into the passive voice

Think about tense or form...

1. People use computers in most offices / **Computers are used in most offices.**
2. The maid will clean the room / **The room will be cleaned (by the maid).**
3. Workmen were digging up the road / **The road was being dug up.**
4. The staff are tidying the classroom / **The classroom is being tidied (by the staff).**
5. The police have caught the criminal / **The criminal has been caught.**
6. The boss had found the employee stealing money / **The employee had been found stealing money (by the boss).**
7. James Cameron directed 'Avatar' / **'Avatar' was directed by James Cameron.**
8. Care workers need to assist my grandfather / **My grandfather needs to be assisted (by care workers).**
9. Teachers should teach the students / **The students should be taught (by teachers).**
10. I hate somebody waking me up when I'm asleep / **I hate being woken up when I'm asleep.**

### In the OET Writing exam, we may use...

- Past simple passive – “Mrs Smith **was prescribed** metformin”
- Present perfect simple passive – “Mrs Smith **has been educated** on the importance of regular exercise”
- Future simple passive – “Mrs Smith **will be visited** twice a week by a community nurse”
- Infinitive form – “Mrs Smith needs **to be monitored** by her GP”
- Bare infinitive form – “Mrs Smith should **be seen** by her GP every fortnight”