**PASIVE SENTENCES**

**I. Use the words in the box to complete these passive sentences. Use any appropriate tense.**

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| translate | write | invent | spell | surround | build | report | murde |

1. An island \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by water.

2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding but I couldn’t come.

3. Many accidents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by reckless driving.

4. A new dormitory \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the campus at present.

5. A lot of the trees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down in a storm a few days ago.

6. Some politicians \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by terrorists recently.

7. The concert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the university next Sunday.

8. This money box \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for five years.

9. The electric light bulb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Thomas Edison.

10. The –*ing* form of ‘sit’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a double *t*.

11. The accident \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the newspaper yesterday.

12. Mickey Mouse cartoons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into sixty languages.

13. The election results \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on television at the end of this month.

14. This program \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by students at Stanford University.

15. Thank goodness! My jewellery \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the robbery last night.

**II. Put the verbs into the most suitable passive form.**

1. There’s someone behinds us. I think we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(follow).

2. A mystery is something that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(can’t/ explain).

3. We didn’t play football yesterday. The match \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cancel).

4. The television \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(repair). It’s working again now.

5. The church tower \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(restore). The work is almost finished.

6. ‘How old is the tower?’ ‘It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(believe) to be over 600 years old.

7. If I didn’t do my job properly, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(would/ sack).

8. A: I let some papers on the desk last night and I can’t find them now.

B: They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(might/ throw) away.

9. I learned to swim when I was very young. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(teach) by my mother.

10. After \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(arrest), I was taken to the police station.

11. This road \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(repair), so we have to take another road.

12. Two people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(report) to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (injure) in an explosion at a factory early this morning.

13. I haven’t received the letter. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(might/ send) to the wrong address.

14. The vegetables didn’t taste very good. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cook) for too long.

15. The examination papers are scored by machine. The students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(tell) their results next week.

**III. Put these sentences into the passive voice.**

1. Should they help Jane with the sewing? ?

2. The mechanic is repairing Judy’s car. .

3. Must we finish the test before ten? ?

4. They use a computer to do that job nowadays. .

5. Employers must pay all travel expensive for this training course.

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6. Did her story take them in? ?

7. The bank manager kept me waiting for half an hour. .

8. Has he spelt this word wrongly? ?

9. All his friends will see him off at the airport. .

10. They used to drink beer for breakfast in England years ago.

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11. Someone might have sent the letter to wrong address. .

12. They were cleaning the floor when I arrived. .

13. They are digging the hole on the wrong side of the road. .

14. They are going to steal your money if you’re not careful. .

15. Has anyone ever asked you for your opinion? ?

16. Alan’s knowledge of art doesn’t impress me. .

17. How do people make candles? ?

18. They can’t make tea with cold water. .

19. When is someone going to announce the results of the contest?

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20. Nobody informed the police that thee had been a mistake.

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21. Where will your company send you next year? ?

22. Who looked after the children when you were away? ?

23. Look! Someone is feeding the seals. .

24. Kathy had returned the book to the library. .

25. By this time tomorrow, the president will have made the announcement.

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26. The pollution in the city was affecting people’s breathing.

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27. Mrs. Andrews hasn’t signed those papers yet. Has Mr. Andrews signed then yet?

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28. Is a student pilot flying that airplane? ?

29. Where did they hold the 1988 Olympic Games? ?

30. Do they make those tractors in this country, or do they important them?

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**IV. Change active to passive, paying close attention to special structures.**

1. Parents always give me proper encouragement.

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2. I remember someone giving me a toy drum on my fifth birthday.

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3. Someone saw him pick up the gun.

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4. They asked me some difficult questions at the interview.

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5. Don’t touch this switch.

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6. He won’t let you do that silly thing again.

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7. I didn’t expect the police to find my car.

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8. I didn’t expect the police to find my car.

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9. I rarely hear her call her children bad names.

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10. Someone seems to have made a terrible mistake.

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11. I think they should have offered Tom the job.

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12. People say that Arthur robbed a bank a long time ago.

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13. They used to make little boys climb the chimneys to clean them.

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14. They suggested banning the sale of alcohol at football matches.

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15. Take off your coat.

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16. They have sent that money to the poor families.

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17. He recommended using bullet-proof glass.

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18. She loves someone praising her all the time.

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19. We believe that he has special knowledge which maybe useful to the police.

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20. You need to have your hair cut.

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**V. Write the sentences in another way, beginning as shown.**

1. Someone reported that the situation was under control.

The situation .

2. It is said that she works 16 hours a day.

She .

3. Someone thinks that the company is planning a new advertising campaign.

The company .

4. Everyone expects that the soap opera will end next year.

The soap opera .

5. It is alleged that the man drove through the town at 90 miles an hour.

The man .

6. Someone reported that the President had suffered a heart attack.

The President .

7. They think that the prisoner escaped by climbing over a wall.

The prisoner .

8. It is reported that the buildings have been badly damaged by fire.

The buildings .

9. It is reported that many people are homeless after the floods.

Many people .

10. We all expected Marta would pass her driving test.

Marta .

11. People believe that he was killed by terrorists.

He .

12. We knew that you were in town on the night of the crime.

You .

13. Journalists supposed that the footballer Wayne Johnson was earning £10 million a year.

The footballer Wayne Johnson .

14. It is said that there is a secret tunnel between those two houses.

There .

15. We know that they lives in a small flat on the fifth floor.

They .

16. Lost of people believe that the Prime Minister and his wife have separated.

The Prime Minister .

17. It is believed that the boy is wearing a white pullover and blue jeans.

The boy .

18. Everyone expects that the hostages will be released soon.

The hostages .

19. It is reported that two people were injured in the explosion.

Two people .

20. They say exercise is good for health.

Exercise .

**VI. Put the verbs into the correct form, active or passive.**

1. A: Who met you at the airport yesterday?

B: Well, when I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(arrive) to the airport, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(meet) by my best friend, Joanna.

2. A: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(you/pay) your electricity bill yet?

B: No, but I’d better pay it today. If I don’t, my electricity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(shut off) by the power company.

3. A: When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(your camera/ steal)?

B: Two months ago. While I was on my holiday, my camera \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(disappear) from my hotel room.

4. A: Is the small lot behind your house still for sale?

B: No, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(sell) since last month and a new house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(build) on it next month.

5. A: I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(leave) some papers on the desk last night and I can’t find them now.

B: It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(might/ throw) away.

6. A: What a nice garden! It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(must/ take) good care of.

B: That’s right. We can see that the plants and flowers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(water) everyday and the grass \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cut) regularly.

7. Can you come to the police station? The man who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(suspect) of stealing your wallet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(arrest), and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(question) at the moment. The police hope he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(identify), either by you or another witness.

8. The building at the end of the High Street is Barford Hall, which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(build) in 1827. Today the Hall \_\_\_\_\_\_ (own) by Bardale Council. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(use) as a warehouse when it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(buy) by the Council in 152, and it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not look) after very well. Since then a lot of work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(do) on it, and these days the Hall \_\_\_\_\_\_ (use) as an art center.

9. The Eiffel Tower \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be) in Paris, France. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(visit) by millions of people every year. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (design) by Alexander Eiffel (1832-1923) . It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(erect) in 1889 for the Paris exposition. Since that time, it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the most famous landmark in Paris. Today it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(recognize) by people throughout the world.

10. Winton Castle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(damage) in a fire last night. The fire, which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(discover) at about 9 o’clock, spread very quickly. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(injure) but two people had to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(rescue) from an upstairs room. A number of paintings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(believe/ destroy). It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not/ know) how the fire started.

11. Repair work started yesterday on the Paxham-Longworth road. The road \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(resurface) now and there will be long delays. Drivers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ask) to use an alternative route if possible. The work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(expect) to last two weeks. Next Sunday the road \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(close) and traffic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(divert).

12. In Paxham yesterday a shop assistant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(force) to hand over £500 after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(threaten) by a man with a knife. The man escaped in a car which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(steal) earlier in the day. The car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(later/ find) in a car park where it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(abandon) by the thief. A man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(arrest) in connection with the robbery and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(still/ question) by the police.

**VII. Choose the correct verb forms in this news report about a storm.**

Millions of pounds’ worth of damage (1)\_\_\_\_ by a storm which (2)\_\_\_\_across the north of England last night. The River Ribble (3)\_\_\_\_ its banks after heavy rain. Many people (4)\_\_\_\_ form the floods by fire-fighters, who (5)\_\_\_\_ hundreds of calls for help. Wind speeds (6)\_\_\_\_ ninety miles an hour in some places. Road (7)\_\_\_\_ by fallen trees, and electricity lines (8)\_\_\_\_down, leaving thousands of homes without electricity. ‘Everything possible (9)\_\_\_\_ to get things back to normal’, a spokesman (10)\_\_\_\_.

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| 1. A. has caused | B. has been caused | C. caused |
| 2. A. swept | B. was swept | C. was being swept |
| 3. A. was burst | B. has been burst | C. burst |
| 4. A. rescued | B. were rescued | C. be rescued |
| 5. A. has received | B. received | C. were received |
| 6. A. reached | B. is reached | C. were reached |
| 7. A. has blocked | B. blocked | C. were blocked |
| 8. A. were brought | B. brought | C. had brought |
| 9. A. was done | B. is being done | C. is doing |
| 10. A. said | B. was said | C. say |

**VIII. Reply to what people say. Use the subject in brackets.**

1. A: The bus fares have been increased. (they)

B: What? You mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again!

2. A: Bicycles should be used for short journeys. (people)

B: Yes, I agree. .

3. A: A new source of energy has been discovered. (someone)

B: What? Did you say that .

4. A: This building is going to be knocked down. (they)

B: Well, no one told me that .

5. A: Eggs shouldn’t be kept in a freezer. (you)

B: Really? I didn’t know .

6. A: Why isn’t litter put in the bin? (people)

B: Exactly. Why don’t .

7. A: A lot of money was stolen in the robbery. ( the robbers)

B: Really? The papers this morning don’t say that .

8. A: The road in front of my house is being resurfaced at the moment. (they)

B: What? Did you say that .

9. A: A decision will not be made until the next meeting. (the board)

B: Well, I’ve heard that .

10. A: How is this word pronounced? (people)

B: Sorry, I don’t know .

**IX. Use the words in brackets to complete the sentence. Use the structure *have something done*.**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(the house/ paint) at the moment.

2. I lost my key. I’ll have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(another key/ make).

3. When was the last time you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(your hair/ cut)?

4. You look different. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(you/ your hair/ cut)?

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(you/ a newspaper/ deliver) to your house or do you go to the shop to buy one?

6. A: Can I see the photos you took when you were on holiday?

B: I’m afraid I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not/ the film/ develop) yet.

7. A: What are those workmen doing in your garden?

B: Oh, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(a swimming pool/ build).

8. This coat is dirty. I must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(it/clean).

9. If you want to wear earrings, why don’t you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( your ears/ pierce)?

10. A: My car has been serviced recently.

B: How often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/ your car/ service)?

**X. Complete the sentences, using *the causative form*.**

1. David went to the hospital.. A nurse bandaged his arm.

He had his arm *bandaged*.

2. Daniel is going to the dentist. He is going to fill his tooth.

He is going to have the dentist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. I didn’t recognize Sheila. the hairdresser’s dyed her hair.

She’s had her hair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. I’ve been getting a lot annoying phone calls, so the telephone company is going to change my number.

So I’m going to get the telephone company \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Gabrielle broke her leg six weeks ago but she’s much better now. In fact the doctors should be taking the plaster off tomorrow.

Gabrielle should be having the plaster \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Since Rowland made a lot of money, he’s not content with his little cottage, so an architect’s designed him a fine new house.

Rowland has had an architect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. This room gets too hot when the sun shines so I’m getting someone to fit blinds on the windows.

I’m having blinds\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Anne is walking around town while her photos are being developed.

Anne is getting her photos \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. We don’t really know what Shakespeare looked like. I wish he had asked someone to paint his portrait before he died.

I wish Shakespeare had had his portrait \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. My sister had always been self-conscious about her nose so she decided to go to a clinic for an operation to have it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**XI. Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in Brackets.**

1. We have to test these products. (be)

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2. A Belgian called Etienne Lenoir made the first motor car. (by)

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3. Nigel’s passport was taken away from him by the police. (took)

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4. They pay babysitters a lot of money. (are)

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5. I hope they’ll interview me for the job. (to)

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6. A mechanic is repairing Judy’s car. (having)

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7. Tessa lost her way. (got)

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8. Everyone agreed that the plan should go ahead. (it)

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9. When did they decorate your kitchen? (get)

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10.They believe that he is living abroad. (be)

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11. Pavarotti sang the song. (by)

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12. Someone is cleaning the floor. (being)

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13 Do you suppose your brother could have written such a letter? (been)

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14. Laura had her brother repair her bicycle. (to)

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15. Don’t do that again. (be)

.**XII. Choose the correct answer.**

1. We can’t go along here because the road \_\_\_\_.

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| A. is repairing | B. is repaired | C. is being repaired | D. repaires |

2. The story I’ve just read \_\_\_\_ Agatha Christie.

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| A. was written | B was written by | C. was written from | D. wrote by |

3. Why don’t you have your brother \_\_\_\_ the roof?

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| A. repairs | B. repair | C. repaired | D. to repair |

4. The man died because medical help was not summoned. A doctor should \_\_\_\_.

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| A. be have called | B. been called | C. be called | D. have been called |

5. Something funny \_\_\_\_ in class yesterday.

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| A. happened | B. was happened | C. happens | D. is happened |

6. Many US automobiles \_\_\_\_ in Detroit, Michigan.

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| A. manufacture | B. have manufactured | C. are manufactured | D. are manufacturing |

7. A lot of pesticide residue can \_\_\_\_ on unwashed produce.

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| A. find | B. found | C. be finding | D. be found |

8. We \_\_\_\_ by a loud noise during the night.

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| A. woke up | B. are woken up | C. were woken up | D. were waking up |

9. How did that window \_\_\_\_? – I don’t know.

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| A. get broken | B. broke | C. got broken | D. broken |

10. Some film starts \_\_\_\_ difficult to work with.

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| A. are said be | B. are said to be | C. say to be | D. said to be |

11. Last night a tornado swept through Rockville. It \_\_\_\_ everything in its path.

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| A. destroyed | B. was destroyed | C. was being destroyed | D. has been destroyed |

12. Vitamin C \_\_\_\_ by the human body. It gets into blood stream quickly.

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| A. absorbs easily | B. is easily absorbing | C. is easily adsorbed | D. absorbed easily |

13. Why did Tom keep making jokes about me? I don’t enjoy \_\_\_\_ at.

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| A. be laughed | B. to be laughed | C laughing | D. being laughed |

14. John \_\_\_\_ last week.

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| A. had his house painted | B. had painted his house | C. had his father to paint | D. had his house paint |

15. Today, many serious childhood diseases \_\_\_\_ by early immunization.

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| A. are preventing | B. can prevent | C. prevent | D. can be prevented |

16. ‘\_\_\_\_ about the eight o’clock flight to Chicago?’ ‘Not yet.’

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| A. has been an announcement made | B. Has an announcement made |
| C. Has an announcement been made | D. Has been made an announcement |

17. ‘Has the committee made its decision yet?’ – ‘No yet. They are still \_\_\_\_ the proposal.’

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| A. considering | B. been considered | C. being considered | D. considered |

18. I might watch this programmer. It \_\_\_\_ very funny.

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| A. supposes to be | B. is supposed being | C. is supposed to be | D. was supposed be |

19. Do you get your heating \_\_\_\_ every year?

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| A. checking | B. check | C. be checked | D. checked |

20. Claude Jennings is said \_\_\_\_ his memory.

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| A. to have been lost | B. to be lost | C. to have lost | D. to lose |