

THE PASSIVE VOICE & TRANSLATING “on”

1. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. The report was completed yesterday.
- ☐ B. One completed the report yesterday.
- ☐ C. The report was complete yesterday.

2. People say that this restaurant serves the best seafood in town. Choose the best paraphrase.

- ☐ A. This restaurant is to serve the best seafood in town.
- ☐ B. This restaurant is said to serve the best seafood in town.
- ☐ C. This restaurant is said to be serving the best seafood in town.

3. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. The proposal was widely discussed.
- ☐ B. The proposal was widely discussed about.
- ☐ C. The proposal was widely discussed on.

4. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. The employees were given a pay rise.
- ☐ B. A pay rise was given to the employees.
- ☐ C. Both A and B are correct.

5. You hear a knock at the door. Choose the most natural sentence.

- ☐ A. Somebody is knocking at the door.
- ☐ B. One is knocking at the door.
- ☐ C. People are knocking at the door.

6. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. The visitors were made leave immediately.
- ☐ B. The visitors were made to leave immediately.
- ☐ C. The visitors were made leaving immediately.

7. The kitchen looks terrible. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. The kitchen needs to paint.
- ☐ B. The kitchen needs painting.
- ☐ C. The kitchen needs painted.

8. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. His latest article has been widely commented.
- ☐ B. His latest article has been widely commented on.
- ☐ C. His latest article has commented on widely.

9. In Britain, people drive on the left. Choose the best equivalent.

- ☐ A. In Britain, they drive on the left.
- ☐ B. In Britain, one drives on the left.
- ☐ C. Both A and B are correct.

10. Witnesses heard him admit everything. Choose the best passive sentence.

- ☐ A. He was heard admit everything.
- ☐ B. He was heard to admit everything.
- ☐ C. He was heard admitting everything.

11. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. He is likely to promote next year.
- ☐ B. He is likely being promoted next year.
- ☐ C. He is likely to be promoted next year.

12. On vient de lui annoncer la nouvelle. Choose the most natural translation.

- ☐ A. He has just been told the news.
- ☐ B. Someone has just told him the news.
- ☐ C. Both A and B are correct.

13. Choose the correct sentence.

- ☐ A. I got stuck in traffic on the motorway.
- ☐ B. I was stuck in traffic on the motorway.
- ☐ C. I have been stick in traffic on the motorway.