

Passive Infinitives

to be + pp and to have been + pp structures

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KEY RULE:

Passive inf: to be + pp (present); to have been + pp (past).

1 Simple Passive Infinitive

EASY

Choose the correct passive infinitive.

Word bank: to be promoted / to be recognised

1. She wants ____ promoted.

3. She hoped ____ selected.

5. The house needs ____ repainted.

7. She was pleased ____ chosen.

9. They want ____ informed first.

2. He deserves ____ recognised.

4. They expected ____ invited.

6. He was said ____ a genius.

8. It needs ____ carefully handled.

10. He was relieved ____ accepted.

2 Perfect Passive Infinitive

MEDIUM

Choose the correct perfect passive infinitive.

Word bank: to have been treated / to have been declared

1. She claims ____ unfairly treated.

3. Report understood ____ wrong.

5. He is believed ____ escaped.

7. She was pleased ____ chosen.

9. They claim ____ deceived.

2. He seems ____ the winner.

4. She appears ____ the job.

6. They seem ____ a warning.

8. He was relieved ____ cleared.

10. She seems ____ the award.

3 Passive Infinitive in Context

HARD

Choose to be or to have been.

Word bank: to be (present/future) / to have been (past)

1. She wants ____ promoted. (future wish)

3. He deserves ____ recognised. (now)

5. Report needs ____ filed today.

7. They expect ____ promoted next year.

9. She was glad ____ included. (past)

2. She claims ____ treated unfairly. (past)

4. He is believed ____ escaped. (past)

6. She seems ____ given a choice. (past)

8. He appears ____ the best candidate.

10. The issue needs ____ resolved. (now)

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Rewrite Using Passive Infinitive**VERY HARD**

Rewrite using a passive infinitive structure.

1. She wants promotion.

3. Someone treated her unfairly. (claim)

5. Someone gave them a warning.

7. He believed they'd clear him.

9. She wanted them to paint house.

2. He deserves recognition.

4. Someone declared him the winner.

6. She hoped they'd select her.

8. Someone invited them. (expect)

10. They believe he escaped. (is)

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Simple Passive Infinitive

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 to be promoted | 6 to be |
| 2 to be recognised | 7 to have been chosen |
| 3 to be selected | 8 to be handled |
| 4 to be invited | 9 to be informed |
| 5 to be repainted | 10 to have been accepted |

2 Exercise 2 Perfect Passive Infinitive

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 to have been treated | 6 to have been given |
| 2 to have been declared | 7 to have been chosen |
| 3 to have been written | 8 to have been cleared |
| 4 to have been offered | 9 to have been deceived |
| 5 to have escaped | 10 to have been given |

3 Exercise 3 Passive Infinitive in Context

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| 1 to be | 6 to have been |
| 2 to have been | 7 to be |
| 3 to be | 8 to be |
| 4 to have | 9 to have been |
| 5 to be | 10 to be |

4 Exercise 4 Rewrite Using Passive Infinitive

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| 1 She wants to be promoted. | 6 She hoped to be selected. |
| 2 He deserves to be recognised. | 7 He was relieved to have been cleared. |
| 3 She claims to have been treated unfairly. | 8 They expected to be invited. |
| 4 He seems to have been declared the winner. | 9 She wanted the house to be painted. |
| 5 They seem to have been given a warning. | 10 He is believed to have escaped. |