

Recognising the Passive Verb

1. True or false? The passive sentences below have been correctly labelled.

A. The heavy wooden door was opened slowly by the curious children.

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object

B. Our brand new sofa was destroyed by our very naughty dog.

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object

C. The old, dilapidated house was destroyed.

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passive verb

2. Underline the passive sentence in the passages below.

A. Yesterday, a criminal broke into an expensive looking house. The owner had been quick to phone the police. The robbery was now being investigated by the local police.

B. We had won the lottery! That wonderful machine had selected our lucky numbers. A big cheque was presented to us by a celebrity. We have decided to buy a big house and a fast car.

3. Rearrange the words below to create a sentence written in the passive form.

flowers woman had colourful by

picked the been the old