

Passive voice – be said to – have something done

1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form.

damage – hold – include – invite – make – show – translate - write

- a) Cheese **is made** from milk.
- b) The roof of the building **was damaged** in a storm a few days ago.
- c) In Germany you don't have to leave a tip for the waiter. Service **is included** in the bill.
- d) You **were invited** to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- e) A cinema is a place where movies **are shown**.
- f) In the USA, elections for President **are held** every four years.
- g) Originally the book **was written** in German and a few years ago it **was translated** into English.

2 Write questions in the passive voice. Some are present and some are past.

- a) Ask about the telephone. (When – invent?)
When was the telephone invented?
- b) Ask about glass (How – make?)
How is glass made?
- c) Ask about Australia (When – discover?)
When was Australia discovered?
- d) Ask about silver. (What – use for?)
What is it used for?

3 Complete the sentences with a form of be said to.

- a) Cathy works very hard. She **is said to work** (work) 16 hours a day.
- b) The company doesn't have enough work. Many people **are said to become** (become) unemployed.

- c) Those two houses belong to the same family. They **are said to be connected** (be connected) by a secret tunnel.
- d) Germans **are said to have** (have) more holidays than any other European country.

4 People say a lot of things about Donald Trump. For example:

a) He is a great president.	b) Mr. Trump works very hard.	c) Donald understands the people's needs.
d) Donald loves playing golf.	e) He is a successful businessman.	f) Mr. Trump likes Angela Merkel.

→ write sentences using **supposed to**.

- a) **He's supposed to be a great president.**
- b) **He's supposed to work very hard.**
- c) **He's supposed to understand the people's needs.**
- d) **He's supposed to love playing golf.**
- e) **He's supposed to be a successful businessman.**
- f) **He's supposed to like Angela Merkel.**

5 Rewrite these sentences using have something done.

- a) Jill didn't repair the roof herself.
She **had the roof repaired**
- b) I don't cut my hair myself.
I **have my hair cut**.
- c) They didn't paint their house themselves.
They **had their house painted**.
- d) Sue didn't make her dress herself.
She **had her dress made**.