

## **The passive voice**

**Put the following sentences into the passive voice:**

1. You should open the wine about three hours before you use it.
2. Previous climbers have cut steps in the ice.
3. Somebody has cleaned my shoes and brushed my suit.
4. We use this room only for special occasions.
5. You must not hammer nails into the walls without permission.
6. Somebody switched on a light and opened the door.
7. Somebody has slashed the picture with a knife.
8. They will pull down the old theatre.
9. They mended the roof before it fell in.
10. They will start a new system because people do not return books.
11. The police asked each of us about his movements on the night of the crime.
12. Someone will serve refreshments.
13. People must not leave bicycles in the hall.
14. Members may keep books for three weeks.
15. The burglars have cut an enormous hole in the steel door.
16. They deliver the letters every morning.
17. Someone has already told him to report for duty at six.
18. They rang the church bells as a flood warning.
19. No one can do anything unless someone gives us more information.
20. They will say nothing more about the matter.
21. The judge gave him two weeks in which to pay the fine.
22. He expected us to offer him the job.

23. They started these engines by hand.
24. Now they start these engines by electricity.
25. Anyone with the smallest intelligence could understand these instructions.
26. People ought not to speak about such things in public.
27. The wind blew his hat down the street.
28. They will take her to hospital tomorrow.
29. The police gave me 5 pound reward.
30. They will send my boy friend to prison.
31. No one can answer your question.
32. Somebody has eaten all the food in the house and drunk all the wine.
33. They turned my offer down.
34. His friends gave him a cake for his birthday.
35. The same man mended your shoes.
36. Ladies wore the dresses very long.
37. They sent letters of thanks to all their friends.
38. We ate up all biscuits yesterday.
39. The fire has destroyed many valuable paintings.
40. A huge wave overturned the little boat.
41. You must iron this dress for tonight.
42. Somebody will meet the visitors at the station.
43. You must clear up all these papers and books.