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- b. She has painted a natural scene.

- c. Peter makes music for a living.

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- e. The choir enchanted the audience.

2. Rewrite the following interrogative sentences in the passive voice.

- a. When will she finish the pullover?

- b. Where is Moira going to exhibit her painting?

- c. How much money did he offer?

- d. What have they hidden in the box?

- e. What are they singing?

3. Change the following imperatives and negatives to passive voice.

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Advice: “You are advised ... + infinitive

- a. Watch out!

b. Play that again, please.

c. Keep trying.

4. Active to passive voice with modal verbs.

The agent is left out in the passive voice)

e.g. Mother **might** sell the car. The car **might be sold**.

a. You **should** take a short break now.

b. She **might** sell that picture.

c. You **may** make a donation.

d. They **could** have sold more tickets?

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1. Rewrite the following declarative sentences in the passive voice.

- a. Grandma is knitting a pullover.

A pullover is being knitted by grandma.

- b. She has painted a natural scene.

A natural has been painted by her.

- c. Peter makes music for a living.

Music for living is made by Peter.

- d. This box contained many surprises before.

Many surprises were contained in this box before.

- e. The choir enchanted the audience.

The audience was enchanted by the choir.

2. Rewrite the following interrogative sentences in the passive voice.

- a. When will she finish the pullover?

When will the pullover be finished by her.

- b. Where is Moira going to exhibit her painting?

Where is her painting going to be exhibited by Moira?

- c. How much money did he offer?

How much money was offered?

- d. What have they hidden in the box?

What has been hidden in the box?

- e. What are they singing?

What is being sung?

3. Change the following imperatives and negatives to passive voice.

Hint: Commands: “You are instructed ... + infinitive (e.g. to bring)

Requests: “You are requested ... + infinitive

Advice: “You are advised ... + infinitive

- a. Watch out!

You are ordered / instructed to watch out.

b. Play that again, please.

You are politely requested to play that again.

c. Keep trying.

You are advised to keep trying.

4. Active to passive voice with modal verbs.

The agent is left out in the passive voice)

e.g. Mother **might** sell the car. The car **might be sold**.

a. You **should** take a short break now.

A short **should** be taken.

b. She **might** sell that picture.

That picture **might** be sold.

c. You **may** make a donation.

A donation **may** be made.

d. They **could** have sold more tickets?

More tickets **could** have been sold.

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