XII THE PASSIVE AND THE CAUSATIVE

Rewrite these sentences beginning with the words provided.

1 The manager always welcomes new employees.  
New employees are always welcomed by the manager.

2 They’re building a new supermarket near the church.  
A new supermarket is being built near the church.

3 They fought the battle in 1623.  
The battle was fought in 1623.

4 Someone was cleaning the windows while I was there.  
The windows were being cleaned while I was there.

5 Someone has moved my desk!  
My desk has been moved!

6 They are taking the refugees to a camp outside the village.  
The refugees are being taken to a camp outside the village.

Put in the correct forms, active or passive, of the verbs in brackets.

Lord Manners was a rich and famous banker. When he (die) died recently, he (give) was given a magnificent funeral which (attend) was attended by hundreds of famous people. The funeral was going to (hold) be held in Westminster Abbey. Many ordinary people (line) lined the streets to watch the procession. The wonderful black and gold carriage (draw) was drawn by six black horses. The mourners (follow) followed in silence. Lord Manners (give) was given a royal farewell. Two tramps were among the crowd. They (watch) watched the procession with amazement. As solemn music (could hear) could be heard in the distance, one of them (turn) turned to the other and (whisper) whispered in admiration, "Now that’s what I call really living!".

Use the correct tenses and passive forms of the verbs in brackets.

Mermaids (see) have been seen by sailors for centuries. The basis of all mermaid myths (suppose) is supposed to be a creature called a Manatee: a kind of walrus! Mermaids used (to show) to be shown in funfairs until recently. It all began in 1817 when a "mermaid" (buy) was bought for $6,000 by a sailor in the South Pacific. She (eventually sell) was eventually sold to the great circus-owner Barnum. She (exhibit) was exhibited in 1842 as "The Feejee Mermaid". It (say) is/was said that she earned Barnum $1,000 a week! The thousands who saw this mermaid (must/disappoint) must have been disappointed. She (cleverly make) was/had been cleverly made by a Japanese fisherman. A monkey’s head (delicately sew) was/had been delicately sewn to the tail of a large salmon. The job (so skilfully do) was/had been so skilfully done that the join between the fish and the monkey was invisible. Real imagination (must/require) must have been required to see this revolting creature as a beautiful mermaid combing her golden hair!

Supply the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.
1 What are you doing? – I’m cleaning the car. (clean)
2 Where’s your car? – It’s being cleaned at the moment. I’ll collect you in an hour. (clean)
3 I never find time to clean the car myself, so I have it cleaned. (clean)
4 Did you decorate the room yourselves? - No, we had it decorated. (decorate)
5 We can’t use the living room. It’s being decorated at the moment. (decorate)
6 You must have your shoes repaired. They look quite worn. (must/repair your shoes)
7 My shoes have just been repaired. It was an expensive job! (just repair)
8 The heel came off my shoe and I repaired it myself. (repair)
9 "I’d like (to have) this film developed and printed," I said. "Certainly," the assistant said. (develop and print)
10 "Can I use the photocopier to photocopy this document?" I asked. (photocopy)
11 Who mends the children’s clothes, in this house? - Who do you think? I do! (mend)
12 What’s happened to my report? – It’s being photocopied at the moment. (photocopy)

Put in causative forms for the verbs in brackets.

The more you own, the more there is to go wrong. You invest in a new hi-fi system and in no time you have to (it repair) have/get it repaired. You (a new washing machine install) have/get a new washing machine installed and you have to buy expensive insurance to maintain it. You buy a car and need to (it service) have/get it serviced regularly. You buy a camera and then spend a fortune (films develop and print) having/getting films developed and printed. It’s not only things that need constant attention. How often we have to (our eyes test) have/get our eyes tested, (our teeth fill) (have/get) our teeth filled and (our chests X-ray) (have/get) our chests X-rayed! But I had to smile last time I went to (my hair cut) have/get my hair cut. A bold notice in the window announced: "All our customers promptly executed!" You certainly wouldn’t need to (any jobs do) have/get any jobs done after that!