Worksheet 1 – Passive + causative practice

1. Change the following active sentences into passive:

1. The company has sent him to California.

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2. We will deal with this problem next week.

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3. They grow all sorts of vegetables in this area.

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4. Someone found this wallet in the street.

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5. A gust of wind blew the tent down.

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6. They say that Carol will be promoted soon.

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7. John gave me this CD.

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8. They are repairing the roof.

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9. We expect that prices will rise again this month.

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10. I couldn’t use my office last week - they were decorating it.

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2. Fill in the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. The new computer system __________________ (install) next month.

2. My office __________________ (break into) when I was on holiday.

3. I ________________ (teach) to ski at the age of seven.

4. A new swimming pool _________________ (build) near my house, they started two moths ago. It should be opened in six months.

5. The charity ______________________ (give) $ 100, 000 recently.

6. This dress _____________________ (must / dry clean), you can’t wash it.

7. This _____________________ (could / do) much more easily by a machine.

8. He escaped when he ____________________ (move) from one prison to another.

9. The letter ___________________ (must / translate) into French and Spanish, too.

10. The project ___________________ (discuss) at our next meeting.

11. It’s too late now for any changes. The contract ____________________ (sign).
12. Do you know who built St Paul’s in London? – Well, I think it ___________ (design) by Christopher Wren. – Oh, yes, you’re right.

3. Active or passive?
1. An ambulance ___________ (take) the man to hospital after he had crashed into a tree.
2. Their children ___________ (bring up) in Italy in 1970s.
3. The school ___________ (close) next month.
4. Someone ___________ (break into) his house and stole a lot of his things.
5. I ___________ (tell) to come. What do you need to talk to me about?
6. An earthquake ___________ (destroy) many buildings but fortunately nobody ___________ (kill).
7. He ___________ often ___________ (take) for his brother, they look almost the same.
8. The lost child ___________ (find) safe and sound last night.
9. When ___________ the town ___________ (found)? – In the 15th century.
10. The car ___________ (need) washing. – I know, I will do it later today.
11. The computer ___________ (not / repair) yet, so I still can’t use it.
12. Why are you waiting here? – Well, I ___________ (tell) to come at 4 to see the boss. – Really? Who told you?
13. This coat ___________ (must / dry clean). You can’t wash it.

Causative

1. Change the following sentence using a different tense or the given word: Carol has her flat painted.

1. past – Carol had her flat painted.
2. past – question _________________________________
3. past – negative _________________________________
4. future – positive _________________________________
5. present perfect _________________________________
6. must _________________________________
7. would like _________________________________
8. be going to _________________________________
9. present continuous _________________________________
10. past continuous _________________________________

2. Finish the sentences using the correct word:

1. Why are you ___________ your house painted?
2. Where did you have your photo ___________?
3. I need to have the heating ___________?
4. He ___________ his money stolen while he was waiting for a bus.
5. I must ___________ this film developed.