

## •REINFORCEMENT•

**1 Say if the sentence is active or passive.****Underline the verb form.****a) Present**

1. People are easily depressed by the stressful life in the city.

*passive*

2. The stressful life in the city easily depresses people.

3. Lots of green areas in a city make life better for everyone.

4. Life is made better for everyone by lots of green areas in a city.

5. People don't often complain about noise pollution, but it is extremely dangerous.

6. Noise pollution isn't often complained about, but it is extremely dangerous.

**b) Past**

1. New urban-planning laws improved our city centers.

2. Our city centers were improved by new urban-planning laws.

3. A hundred years ago, many builders didn't follow the building regulations.

4. The building regulations weren't followed by many builders a hundred years ago.

**2 Unscramble the words to make questions.****a) Present**

1. easily / depressed / Are / by stressful life / people / in the city

2. by lots of green areas in a city / made better for everyone / Is / life

3. complained about / Is / often / noise pollution

**b) Past**

1. by new urban planning laws / improved / our city centers / Were

2. by many builders a hundred years ago / followed / building regulations / Were

## •CONSOLIDATION•

**1 a) Write these sentences in the passive voice in the present.**

1. The stressful life in the city easily depresses people.

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2. Urban-planning laws improve our city centers.

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3. Lots of green areas in a city make life better for everyone.

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**b) Write these sentences in the passive voice in the past.**

1. A hundred years ago, many builders didn't follow the building regulations.

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2. People didn't often complain about noise pollution in the 1990s, but it was extremely dangerous.

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3. Bicycle paths made cyclists' lives much safer.

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**2 a) Write these questions in the passive voice in the present.**

1. Does the stressful life in the city easily depress people?

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2. Do new urban-planning laws improve our city centers?

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3. Do lots of green areas in a city make life better for everyone?

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**b) Write these questions in the passive voice in the past.**

1. Did many builders follow the building regulations a hundred years ago?

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2. Did people often complain about noise pollution in the year 2000?

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3. Did bicycle paths make cyclists' lives much easier last year?

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## •EXTENSION•

**1 a) Write passive sentences in the present.**

1. People / the stressful life in city / depress

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2. Our city centers / new urban-planning laws / improve

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3. life better for everyone / green areas in city / make

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**b) Write passive sentences in the past.**

1. The building regulations / many builders / not follow

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2. Noise pollution / people / not complain

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3. Cyclists' lives / bicycle paths / make easier

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**2 a) Write these active sentences as passive ones in the present.**

1. A famous architect will design the new city hall.

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2. The construction is going to affect the historical building.

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3. The student is designing an amazing Arts Center.

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**b) Write these active sentences as passive ones in the past.**

1. The Aztecs were building pyramids before the Egyptians.

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2. The architects had presented the project to the judges of the competition.

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3. The Romans invented the first under-floor heating system.

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