

1º BACHILLERATO

PASSIVE SENTENCES

Some verbs may have two objects: direct and indirect.

Ask tell give offer send show
teach pay

Two passives are possible in these cases. One of them with the direct object as subject and the other with the indirect object as passive subject.

Examples

Active They offered Ann the job or They offered the job to Ann

Passive Ann was offered the job

 The job was offered to Ann

Ann is the indirect object. *The job* is the direct object.

EXERCISE

WRITE TWO PASSIVES FOR THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE

1. They will ask you a lot of questions at the interview.
2. Nobody told me the story.
3. His colleagues gave him a present when he retired.
4. We will send you your examination results as soon as they are ready.
5. They didn't ask me my name.
6. They should have offered Tom the job.
7. They are showing the students the new computer room.
8. The bank gave me a loan for a new house.
9. They showed him the gun.
10. The boss offered him a rise for his hard work.

