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Mini lesson 010 - Passive Voice with Two Objects

When forming the passive voice, we typically focus on the direct object of a sentence, which is the thing receiving the action. For instance:

- Active: I prepared dinner.
- Passive: Dinner was prepared (by me).

However, some verbs take two objects—a direct object (usually a thing) and an indirect object (usually a person). In these cases, we can create two different passive sentences by focusing on either object.

- Active: I handed Sara the keys.
- Passive 1: Sara was handed the keys (by me).
- Passive 2: The keys were handed to Sara (by me).

Now lets practice making passive sentences where the indirect object (the person) comes first.





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Let's Practice!

Transform the following sentences into passive voice, starting with the indirect object (the person).

1. She offered the guests some coffee.

2. We told the manager the news.

3. The chef served the diners a delicious meal.

4. They handed the officer their passports.

5. The librarian gave Jake the book.

6. I promised Sarah a gift.

7. The instructor showed the students the results.

8. The company awarded Maria the prize.

9. He sent his friend an invitation.

10. They taught the team a new strategy.



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Answers:

- 1. The guests were offered some coffee (by her).
- 2. The manager was told the news (by us).
- 3. The diners were served a delicious meal (by the chef).
- 4. The officer was handed their passports (by them).
- 5. Jake was given the book (by the librarian).
- 6. Sarah was promised a gift (by me).
- 7. The students were shown the results (by the instructor).
- 8. Maria was awarded the prize (by the company).
- 9. His friend was sent an invitation (by him).
- 10. The team was taught a new strategy (by them).

