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Chapter 9 Exercises - Basic Sentence Transformations

Exercise 9.5

A. The first five sentences below are in the active voice. Convert each into the passive, keeping the same tense (present or past) and aspect (if perfect or progressive).

- 1. Truckers from nearby farms hold a farmers' market in our town every Tuesday.**
A farmers' market in our town was held by truckers from nearby farms every Tuesday.
- 2. Most of the farmers sell a large variety of green vegetables.**
A large variety of green vegetables are being sold by most of the farmers.
- 3. One farmer sells just strawberries and tomatoes.**
Strawberries and tomatoes are being sold by one farmer
- 4. During the winter, a Riverside orchard sends large bags of oranges to the market.**
During the winter, large bags of oranges were sent to the market by a Riverside orchard
- 5. A local bakery makes bread and rolls available on most Tuesdays.**
Bread and rolls are made by a local bakery and are available on most Tuesdays

B. The next five sentences are in the passive voice. Convert each into the active, keeping the same tense (present or past) and aspect (if perfect or progressive).

- 1. Freshly-picked corn will be sold at our afternoon market by farmers during the summer.**
During the summer, farmers will sell freshly picked corn in the afternoon
- 2. Hot, ready-to-eat foods are offered every week by several vendors.**
Several vendors offer hot, ready-to-eat foods
- 3. Barbequed chicken is prepared on a grill by one trucker.**
One trucker prepares barbequed chicken on a grill
- 4. Lunch is bought by many of the visitors to the market.**
Many of the visitors bring lunch to the market
- 5. The market is allowed to operate until 5:00 P.M. during the summer.**
During the summer, the market operates until 5:00 P.M.

Review Exercises

Sentence Patterns

Undo the transformations that the sentences below have undergone. Then identify the main verb type of each. AN example has been done for you.

Ex. When will you leave on your trip to Japan?

You will leave on your trip to Japan sometime.

You [NP1- subject] will leave [MVP] on your trip to Japan [ADVP] sometime [ADVP]

Intransitive verb

1. The Phoenix Mars Lander was designed for testing water on another planet.

The Phoenix Mars Lander [subject] was designed [MVP] for testing something

2. Three sites where the Phoenix landed have been named Mama Bear, Papa Bear, and Baby Bear.

Mama Bear, Papa Bear, and baby Bear [subject] are [ADVP] three sites [ADJP] where the phoenix landed

3. Of course, the Phoenix might not find water on Mars.

The phoenix [subject] might find [MVP] water on Mars (intransitive verb)

4. Why do scientists focus so intensely upon water?

Scientists [subject] focus [MVP] so intensely upon water for some reason [ADVP]

5. Water would be required by other forms of life on Mars.

Other forms [subject] of life on Mars [ADJP] require [MVP] water

6. The Phoenix Lander initially placed samples of Martian soil in its laboratory.

The Phoenix Lander initially placed samples of something

7. Evidence of life may be found in the soil.

In the soil [subject] evidence of life was found [MVP].

8. The baked soil is sniffed by an instrument on the lander.

An instrument [subject] on the lander [ADJP] sniffed [MVP] the baked soil (intransitive)

9. The lander can probably identify traces of melted ice beneath the soil.

Traces of melted ice [subject] beneath the soil [ADJP] could probably be identified [MVP] by the lander (this is passive voice)

10. How can landers like the Phoenix remain relatively inexpensive?

Landers like the Phoenix remain relatively inexpensive somehow