

1 For each pair of sentences, is it better to use the passive or active form?
Choose *a* or *b*.

1. a. More U.S. employers will likely allow access to social networking sites.
 b. Access to social networking sites will likely be allowed.
2. a. Soon, inventors will invent smartphones that don't require a battery.
 b. Smartphones that don't require a battery will be invented soon.
3. a. Most cell phone companies are now offering unlimited-use plans.
 b. Unlimited-use plans are being offered now.
4. a. Teachers might be teaching more high school students with educational computer games.
 b. More high school students might be taught with educational computer games.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct active or passive form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Recently, social networking sites have become (become) popular with all age groups.
2. Every week, free software _____ (download) on computers everywhere.
3. In the years to come, podcasts _____ (use) more often in educational programs.
4. Lately, children _____ (ask) for cell phones at a younger and younger age.
5. More sophisticated viruses _____ (create) all the time.
6. For years, hackers _____ (try) to use spyware to commit identity theft.
7. In years to come, more and more data _____ (store) in the cloud.
8. I recently discovered that my neighbors _____ (use) my Wi-Fi many times.
9. In the next decade, more job interviews _____ (hold) online.
10. Since I last visited this blog, several older posts _____ (remove).

1 Turn the statements into negative questions.

1. It would have been great if telemarketers had never gotten my number.
Wouldn't it have been great if telemarketers had never gotten my number?
2. It was awful how much paper we wasted on fliers that nobody read.
3. Jill should have kept her text messages much shorter.
4. It was weird how those pop-up ads made my computer freeze.
5. It seemed like we spent all day looking for an Internet café.
6. It would have been great if we could have paid less for our computer.
7. We should have spent less time playing video games as kids.
8. It was sad how Mark got really addicted to social networking sites.

2 Complete the sentences with tag questions.

1. There were several voice mail messages for me, weren't there ?
2. There haven't been any new rules about using social media at work, _____ ?
3. Someone told him there was a problem with his phone, _____ ?
4. You gave your computer password to someone, _____ ?
5. There was nothing he could do with his obsolete computer, _____ ?
6. Nobody we know ever actually clicked on those banner ads, _____ ?
7. She had already complained about the telemarketers, _____ ?
8. You used to have a robot vacuum that constantly cleaned the house, _____ ?

1 Rewrite these sentences using reduced relative clauses.

1. The photographer who lives upstairs has won many awards for his creativity.
The photographer living upstairs has won many awards for his creativity.
2. Professional cooking, which is considered a tough business, requires both patience and skill.
3. Movie stars who are constantly hounded by the press deserve more privacy.
4. Roger Federer, who is ranked among the world's best tennis players, is considered very disciplined.
5. The Summer Olympics, which are held every four years, are broadcast around the world.
6. Children who are talented at music should take private lessons if possible.

2 Combine the sentences. Rewrite them as one sentence containing a reduced non-defining relative clause.

1. Lady Gaga is generally believed to be very confident and professional.
She claims she is actually shy.
Lady Gaga, generally believed to be very confident and professional, claims she is actually shy.
2. Yohji Yamamoto is famous for his modern fashion designs. He often uses the color black.
3. Jessica Alba has been interested in acting since the age of five. She first appeared in a film at age 13.
4. The movie *Twilight* was adapted from a novel by Stephenie Meyer. It stars Robert Pattinson.
5. Mark Zuckerberg is celebrated for creating Facebook. He attended Harvard University.
6. Justin Bieber is originally from Canada. He began his professional singing career in the U.S.
7. Tim Berners-Lee is credited with inventing the Web. He published the first website in 1991.
8. Jamie Oliver is known for his food-focused TV shows. He advocates healthier food in schools.

1 Match these statements with the appropriate non-defining clauses.

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| 1. I use dental floss to string beads for jewelry, <u>c</u> | a. which surprised us since he loves cities. |
| 2. My sister always loved school, _____ | b. which has contributed to weight loss and more energy. |
| 3. Robert moved to a small town, _____ | c. which is why I have so much of it. |
| 4. I just had a big fight with Ana, _____ | d. which is why people always go to him for help. |
| 5. Paul is really good at solving problems, _____ | e. which has resulted in better grades for me. |
| 6. Amy jogs every morning, _____ | f. which encouraged her to go into teaching. |
| 7. I've had a private tutor for the past few months, _____ | g. which means I'll have to explore alternatives in the course schedule. |
| 8. The class I wanted to take is already full, _____ | h. which depressed me because she's my best friend. |

2 Complete the sentences with a phrase from the box.

which resulted in	which suggested	which depressed
which encouraged	which means	which surprised

- I'm working late tonight, which means I'll take a later train home.
- My friend was in a local play, _____ me to try acting.
- Our team lost the championship, _____ me and my friends.
- Prices went down last year, _____ savings for many people.
- Ted sent me a nice birthday card, _____ me since he usually doesn't do anything special for people's birthdays.
- Dinner tasted terrible, _____ that I didn't follow the recipe correctly.