

Test Your Grammar Skills

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1.	pr/sim	+	Robert		lunch		
2.	pr/con	-		organise		patio	
3.	pa/sim	?	Sheila		diary		
4.	pa/con	+		collect		library	
5.	pr/perf	-	An accountant		files		
6.	pr/perf/con	?		print		museum	
7.	fu/sim	+	My uncle's bike shop		motorbike		
8.	fu/con	-		watch		living room	
9.	pa/perf	?	Our parrot		briefcase		
10.	pa/perf/con	+		paint		road	
11.	fu/perf	-	Mr Potter		jam		
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1.	pr/sim	+	Robert	eat	lunch	work	every day
2.	pr/con	-	My parents	organise	dinner party	patio	at the moment
3.	pa/sim	?	Sheila	write	diary	bedroom	last night
4.	pa/con	+	The man	collect	books	library	yesterday
5.	pr/perf	-	An accountant	check	files	computer	today
6.	pr/perf/con	?	Joanne	print	documents	museum	since 8am
7.	fu/sim	+	My uncle's bike shop	advertise	motorbike	website	later
8.	fu/con	-	Me and Clara	watch	<i>Frozen</i>	living room	all morning
9.	pa/perf	?	Our parrot	damage	briefcase	office	before Jen arrived
10.	pa/perf/con	+	Lisa	paint	lines	road	all day
11.	fu/perf	-	Mr Potter	put	jam	toast	by the time I get there
12.	fu/perf/con	?	A mysterious visitor	make	a birthday card	downstairs	for two hours

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- active voice: Robert eats lunch at work every day.
passive voice: Lunch is eaten (by Robert) at work every day.
- active voice: My parents are not organising a dinner party on the patio at the moment.
passive voice: A dinner party is not being arranged (by my parents) on the patio at the moment.
- active voice: Did Sheila write her diary in her bedroom last night?
passive voice: Was a diary written (by Sheila) in her bedroom last night?
- active voice: The man was collecting books at the library yesterday.
passive voice: Books were being collected (by the man) at the library yesterday.
- active voice: An accountant has not checked the files on her computer today.
passive voice: The files have not been checked (by an accountant) on her computer today.
- active voice: Has Joanne been printing documents at the museum since 8am?
passive voice: Have documents been being printed (by Joanne) at the museum since 8am? (not common)
- active voice: My uncle's bike shop will advertise a motorcycle on its website later.
passive voice: A motorcycle will be advertised (by my uncle's bike shop) on its website later.
- active voice: Me and Clara will not be watching *Frozen* in the living room all morning.
passive voice: *Frozen* will not be being watched (by me and Clara) in the living room all morning. (not common)
- active voice: Had our parrot damaged the briefcase in the office before Jen arrived?
passive voice: Had the briefcase been damaged (by our parrot) in the office before Jen arrived?

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10. active voice: Lisa had been painting lines on the road all day.
passive voice: Lines had been being painted (by Lisa) on the road all day. (not common)
11. active voice: Mr Potter will not have put some jam on his toast by the time I get there.
passive voice: Some jam will not have been put on his toast (by Mr Potter) by the time I get there.
12. active voice: Will a mysterious visitor have been making a birthday card downstairs for two hours?
passive voice: Will a birthday card have been being made by a mysterious visitor downstairs for two hours? (not common)

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