

Grammar – Passive Voice

Abraham and Isaac

Answers:

1. Abraham was tested (by God).
2. Abraham was told what to do (by God).
3. In this sentence, *get up* is an intransitive phrasal verb, so passive voice is not possible.
4. His / Abraham's donkey was saddled (by him / Abraham).
5. Isaac and two servants were taken (by him / Abraham).
6. The wood was cut (by Abraham).
7. Their journey was begun (by them).
8. The place was seen (by Abraham) from a distance.
9. His / Abraham's servants were told to wait (by him / Abraham).
10. The wood was picked up (by Abraham).
11. It was given to his son Isaac (by him).
12. The fire and the knife were carried (by Abraham).
13. *Walk on* is an intransitive phrasal verb, so passive voice is not possible.
14. In this sentence, *wonder* is an intransitive verb, so passive voice is not possible.
15. He was told (by Abraham), 'God will provide.'
16. An altar was built (by Abraham).
17. The wood was put on the altar (by Abraham).
18. Isaac was bound (by Abraham).
19. Isaac was laid on the altar (by Abraham).
20. The knife was taken (by Abraham) to kill his son.
21. Abraham was called (by Yahweh's angel).
22. In this sentence, *reply* is an intransitive verb, so passive voice is not possible.
23. Abraham was told (by the angel) not to harm Isaac.
24. A ram was found (by Abraham).
25. The ram was sacrificed (by Abraham).
26. Blessings were promised to Abraham (by God).

Note for teachers: due to the episodic nature of this story, you could make this activity more difficult by cutting up the sentences and mixing them up, for students to put back into the correct order.