

Passive voice: part 3 - 2 objects

Active sentences with two objects in passive

When there are **two** objects in an active sentence, there are **two** possible active sentences and **two** possible passive sentences.

possibility 1:

The professor explained the students the exercise.

possibility 2:

The professor explained the exercise to the students.

There are two objects in each of the following sentences:

object 1 = indirect object: the students

object 2 = direct object: the exercise

An indirect object is very often a person, a direct object a thing. When a direct object is followed by an indirect one, we put **to** in front of the indirect object.

It should be noted that it is more natural in English to make the personal object (indirect) the subject of the passive.

A Rewrite the sentences using the passive. Cover both possibilities.

1. *My assistant will send you the fax.*
2. *The bank will lend him enough money.*
3. *The manager gave them a discount.*
4. *They offered Alex Martin's job.*
5. *The boss promised us a pay raise.*

6. *They are giving us a new chance.*
7. *They have sent me the spring catalogue.*
8. *We must send them the updated pricelist.*
9. *The boss has offered him a company car.*
10. *The technical solution manager told me the news.*
11. *They promised us delivery within a week.*
12. *My personal assistant booked me the room at the hotel.*