

**VERB TENSES| The passive voice in English 2**

LEVEL: Intermediate/Advanced

The first sentence is in the ACTIVE VOICE. Write the correct way of saying the same thing in the PASSIVE VOICE:

EX: The teacher **told** Michael to be quiet.

Michael **was told** by the teacher to be quiet.

1. The elderly woman bought the puppy.  
The puppy \_\_\_\_\_ by the elderly woman.
2. The other students were laughing at her.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ by the other students.
3. The teacher explained this to us.  
This \_\_\_\_\_ to us by the teacher.
4. She is kissing me.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ by her.
5. They are suing him.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ by them.
6. Everyone here speaks Chinese.  
Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ by everyone here.
7. William Faulkner wrote "As I Lay Dying".  
"As I Lay Dying" \_\_\_\_\_ by William Faulkner.
8. The little boy robbed me.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ by the little boy.
9. The police are interrogating the suspects.  
The suspects \_\_\_\_\_ by the police.
10. Everyone loves her.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ by all.

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### **ANSWERS:**

1) was bought   2) was being laughed at   3) was explained   4) am being kissed  
5) is being sued   6) is spoken   7) was written   8) was robbed   9) are being  
interrogated   10) is loved