Choosing Active or Passive

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1. Choose the better sentence.

Choose the version that fits the context.

1. We know who did it, and it matters:
   Choices: The mayor opened the new park. / The new park was opened by the mayor yesterday it. / The new park opened by the mayor.

   Answer: _____

2. We do not know who did it:
   Choices: My bike was stolen last night. / Someone stole my bike by them. / My bike stole last night.

   Answer: _____

3. Focus on the result:
   Choices: Thousands of meals are served every year. / Volunteers serve thousands of meals every year for them. / Thousands of meals serve every year.

   Answer: _____

4. Keeping the same topic: “The centre is popular. ___”
   Choices: It was founded in 1990 by local women. / Local women founded it in 1990 the centre. / Founded was it in 1990.

   Answer: _____

2. Rewrite the sentence.

Complete the passive sentence.

1. Volunteers clean the beach every week. -> The beach ___ by volunteers every week.

2. Someone broke the window. -> The window ___.

3. They will open the library in May. -> The library ___ in May.

4. People can recycle plastic. -> Plastic ___.

3. Rewrite.

Rewrite the sentences as passives, or as actives.

3. Rewrite. (continued)

1. Rewrite as a passive: Students painted the wall.

2. Rewrite as an active: The food is cooked by volunteers.

3. Write one passive without an agent.