

PASSIVE VOICE

In diesem Artikel wird nicht das gesamte weite Feld des Passivs besprochen – für diesen Zweck gibt es viele Grammatik-Bücher zum Nachschlagen.

Vielmehr sollen in erster Linie einige "features" des englischen Passivs näher untersucht werden, die für Deutschsprachige gewöhnungsbedürftig erscheinen (mögen). Der Raum, der diesen "features" gewidmet wird, widerspiegelt also nicht die Häufigkeit oder Wichtigkeit der jeweils besprochenen Merkmale: Gerade wenn und weil etwas eher selten auftritt, mag es für den Leser interessant sein, mehr darüber zu erfahren und Beispiele vorgeführt zu bekommen.

1. Nachgestellte Präpositionen

Nachgestellte Präpositionen sind eine Eigenheit der englischen Sprache, an die sich Deutschsprachige erst gewöhnen müssen. Man findet sie typischerweise in Relativsätzen: There were some volumes labelled 'newspaper cuttings', which I had never looked at before. (Das ist idiomatischer als: There were some volumes labelled 'newspaper cuttings', at which I had never looked before.) Nachgestellte Präpositionen kommen aber auch anderswo vor, z.B.: Perhaps that was a hoped-for part of the arrangement. My husband is difficult to cook for. Auch in Passivsätzen finden sich solche nachgestellten Präpositionen – dort sind sie sogar unvermeidlich (im Gegensatz zu Relativsätzen, wo sie optional sind, weil man dort Präpositionen auch voranstellen kann). Man betrachte z.B.:

Although all the babies in the study were well cared for, the cute babies were looked at more, played with more, and given more affection than the homely ones. Babies in those societies are not read to; they are not even talked to very much. I object to being jumped on, climbed over, kicked, scratched and generally mauled by dogs and other animals who are "just being friendly." It was new to him to be spoken to and cared for in that gentle, simple way. His mother told him that all opportunities had to be looked for, not waited for. A guest list was drawn up, added to, argued over and amended. {The ship was painted in many colors, with high smokestacks, with glittering brass all polished, with white hats and shiny buttons on the sailor's uniforms. Everything was wondered at, remarked about and discussed endlessly.} We had been lectured to and shouted at by a succession of teachers. I've been yelled at, gossiped about, lied to, and trifled with. And sometime soon may you be waved to by a celebrity, wagged at by a puppy, run to by a happy child, and counted on by someone you love. That old car was slept in, cried in, kissed and hugged in, eaten in, thrown up in.

Nicht zu verwechseln sind nachgestellte Präpositionen mit "adverbial particles", welche Bestandteile von "phrasal verbs" sind, z.B.: We have been badly let down by them. Das "down" in diesem Satz ist ebenfalls nachgestellt, aber "down" ist keine Präposition. Ein weiteres Beispiel: Eventually air was sucked in and there was an explosion. Zwar kann "in" eine Präposition sein, aber nicht in diesem Fall – hier hat es adverbialen Charakter.

Es folgen weitere Beispiele für Passivsätze mit (nachgestellten) adverbial particles, also von "phrasal verbs" im Passiv:

Many among the French-speaking majority felt that they were bossed around by an English-speaking elite. He was brought up by his grandmother. Then the next candidate was called in. The search was called off next morning. Vitamin Water has been called out by the Children's Food Campaign for making misleading health claims. The show of support was so vast that broken glass, and other damage was cleaned up in just a few hours. Did you hear about the man that was eaten up by a hog? You are not overlooking the possibility that her husband was deliberately got out of the way? Another man was trampled and immediately helped up by other protesters. She said she tried to enter the building, but was held back by thick smoke. Thousands of state employees were laid off. Nobody will be left behind. Only members of national delegations and those with diplomatic passports were let in. Once the tide ebbed, water was let out through sluice gates and directed onto the wheel. The words had to be looked up in a dictionary. The accounts are not being properly opened up to scrutiny. Inside the camp,

rickshaw driver U Kyaung Wa said his people were tired of being ordered around by the Burmese authorities. Three captured soldiers were pointed out by the survivors as participants in the killings. The outer door was pulled to by either a huge thick piece of elastic, or by a steel spring. In November, the deal was put off. Then all the lights were put out. A tent was put up in the backyard. The place was in chaos and the floorboards were being ripped up. The money must be sent back at once. What would British public service broadcasting gain and lose if this asset was sold off? In the army your beard will have to be shaved off. The simple truth has rarely been spoken out loud. My clothes were taken off by force. We constantly broke the rules because we didn't know what they were and we didn't take it well when we were told off! But that opportunity, too, was thrown away. Zack threw himself on the hood and was thrown off when the car smashed into a wall. But again nothing was written down, according to the report.

Schließlich gibt es noch Phrasen, die adverbial particles mit einer Präposition kombinieren:

The house that I was brought up in has been transformed into a sanatorium. Alcohol consumption needs to be cut back on. I am afraid the economic misery can't be altogether done away with. Tia was a wild, willful tomboy whose every whim was given in to except in deciding whom she could marry. Monday was given over to field trips. He said the medals had been "held on to and cherished" as they were passed through his family. Perhaps if we were let in on the specifics, we'd start to understand why. It's very likely that those ideals couldn't be lived up to. Mr. Finigan was an early proponent of California wines, which had long been looked down on by America's wine enthusiasts. A five-year period of price stability and increased opportunities to compete under free and fair conditions can now be looked forward to. {In the 1920s, hemlines became shorter and shoes were clearly visible. That's when new styles of shoes were looked out for, and the selection of shoe styles for different occasions and time of day became critical for the over-all look.} He was looked up to as their leader. The child was put up for adoption. No problem is so big or so complicated that it can't be run away from. (Charlie Brown) A Canadian ex-student of mine, a passenger in the aircraft, being shown off to by an inexperienced pilot, was crippled in the crash. She'd felt as though she had been talked down to and that she had been excluded from the rest of the team. She is too stubborn to be talked out of anything.

Es muss ja nicht gleich so weit gehen wie in diesem (wohl konstruierten) Demonstrations-Beispiel: What did you bring that book that I don't want to be read to out of up for?

Es folgt eine alphabetische Liste von Verben (ohne Anspruch auf Vollständigkeit), welche in Passivsätzen eine Präposition nach sich ziehen.

The house had been **added to** freely in the last three centuries. All of these fine pieces of craftsmanship were added to by Gibb's expanding collection of artworks. Losses due to emigration were added to by conflicts and catastrophes such as the Northern Chinese Famine of 1876-79, in which between 9 and 13 million people died.

Every minute had to be **accounted for**. Most of the loss was accounted for by a drop in contributions from major donors. Not all the missing parts had been accounted for.

Such a tax has to be **agreed to** internationally. The plan was unanimously agreed to. Nothing has been agreed to yet, but she remains hopeful.

Color, size and quality of the diamonds are **agreed upon** in advance. The deal was agreed upon during a two-hour meeting. A price of \$500 was agreed upon. Other items were discussed but not agreed upon.

The charges brought against him were only **answered to** by his organization following his death in 2008. {The third period was fraught with action right from the beginning, with the Hornets scoring a short-handed goal and extending their lead to 4-1. The Pythons managed a single goal in response, scoring at the 11 minute mark to bring the game back to 4-2, however this was quickly answered to by the Hornets just a couple of minutes later.} Users can have all their specific questions answered to by our support team and business department.

This led me to believe that I was not fired, and that in fact I was going to be **apologized to** for the actions of my boss. I have made contact with the proper authorities and I was apologized to – though that hardly matters now. We have all been on the receiving side of a flip, insincere apology ... and well, it just feels crummy to be apologized to in that way.

Moses' belief that he was **appeared to** by God includes details so extremely vivid and compelling that they anticipate and defeat any projection theories. That night, as Phalgunanda rested in his quarters, he was appeared to by an angel during a brief time in meditation. The Mormon leadership would have us believe that Joseph Smith was appeared to by Jesus and given Golden Tablets with angelic script upon them.

The date was set and the wedding licence **applied for**. Permission must be applied for to exhume the body. He also told the court that legal aid had been applied for.

The case has been **argued about** ever since. The nature and consequences of the revolution continue to be argued about. This is the kind of thing that could and would be argued about in the journals for decades.

Soon published as a book, it was **argued over** for decades, and even scholars who disagreed with Wilson respected him. I can only imagine the poor girl's embarrassment as her modesty was argued over. The legacy of these events continues to be argued over more than nine centuries later.

In the Buddhist tradition, even the worse offenses can be **atoned for** through suffering. The torturers and murderers have not been found and sentenced, crimes have not been atoned for! Once Christ died, sin was atoned for.

Has your business been **attended to** in your absence? (Conan Doyle) Then there were the details to be attended to on a daily basis. He had to wait while the wounded were attended to.

In England such concepts as justice, liberty and objective truth are still **believed in**. (G. Orwell) It was a myth that had once been believed in. Power is still a spurious thing, not quite to be believed in or trusted.

I hate that feeling when you discover your child is being **bitched about** by other parents in a secret Facebook group. I have nothing to write that hasn't already been bitched about. Her apparent lack of pregnancy curves was bitched about by people with nothing better to do.

Such victories are **boasted of** by the Indians. The regiment has been boasted of as one of the world's best anti-guerrilla combat units. Such uprightness cannot be boasted of now.

The lobby is on the 28th floor and by the time I got there, I was **bowed to** by 4 different staffers. You entered, were bowed to by the servers, placed your order, sat down at a table and they served you when it was ready with more bows. Beethoven, who had been bowed to by emperors and kings, lived out his adventures in his living room at his piano and writing desk.

While she was on holiday, her home was **broken into**. One day my car was broken into and the radio was stolen. Here are some steps you should take if your vehicle has been broken into.

The house that I was **brought up in** has been transformed into a sanatorium. The Catholic Church teaches that the ideal environment for children to be brought up in is within a family that is built upon a happy, healthy and strong marriage. If the culture boys brought are up in is aggressive, teaches aggression, and is steeped in a culture of male violence, then, boys can grow up being aggressive.

Have letters addressed to Miss Hannah Grey been **called for**, or are they still here? When strong discipline was called for, my mother left that to my father. I'm afraid the doctor was called for too late.

You may be **called on** to fight. Police were called on to disperse the protesting stewards. Mr. Field is often called on to improvise. She's called on to exercise all her strength.

He is constantly called upon for advice. They have to deliver justice and fairness in a way that they had never been called upon to do before. There will be a time when you'll be called upon to comfort another human being.

You can do all the marketing and PR that you like, but unless the product is **cared about** it doesn't matter. Emotional social support – feeling that one is cared about – has been found to be strongly and consistently associated with good health and well-being. I just truly hope that he's in a better place, that he knows he was cared about.

Now age 2, she is being **cared for** by her grandparents. Pets must be well cared for. Almost all elderly people in the Amish community are cared for at home by relatives. The babies in this institution are cared for, they are fed, they are loved.

For the majority of Ms. O'Shea's clients, the spouse who was **cheated on** will ask for specific details about the affair: where it happened, what happened and how long it lasted. There's no doubt that cheating can leave a mark on someone's character, and it can be difficult to let it go not only for the person who was cheated on, but for all of the loved ones involved. How many times did a friend of a "victim" who was cheated on tell that victim to leave?

They cannot return to the homes they were **cheated out of**. They may receive only a fraction of the money they were cheated out of. He also wins back a property that he was cheated out of.

The \$15 billion border wall built under the administration of former President Donald Trump is being **climbed over** by people using \$5 ladders, according to Texas Monthly. The bike sat in the utility room, where it was unfortunately climbed over by my son, resulting in both wheels becoming slightly buckled. {The PB5-5A Canso, pictured here at Gander's aviation museum, was climbed over by people on Monday night. The plane has wings made of light fabric, easily damaged and already sporting one hole.}

These conjectures were neither contradicted nor **commented upon**. This was commented upon by the noted British diarist and country-house historian James Lees-Milne. It was barely commented upon when the report was published.

We hope that many other companies will follow their lead and protect the right of customers to choose how they are **communicated with**. We should be able to communicate with people the way they want to be communicated with, not the way the phone company wants them to be communicated with. There is a growing gap between how consumers want to be communicated with and the way advertisers communicate with them.

Weakness in one limb is often **compensated for** by exceptional strength in the other. (Conan Doyle) Some of this loss can be compensated for by agricultural expansion and intensification. A lack of desire could be compensated for by financial incentives.

I'm tired of being **complained to** by all sides when y'all won't work it out yourselves. You can, when complained to by one party or the other, encourage each party to talk to the other directly. The soccer referee said, "You've got to have pretty thick skin to take a job where you spend the day being jeered at by thousands of irate fans and complained to by dozens of overpaid professional athletes."

The contact was not **consented to** by the victim. The agreement now has to be consented to in writing by both parties. The ethical concept of respect for persons necessitates that physicians only order tests for those diseases that have been consented to by the patient.

They cannot be **counted on** to help us. There were some "swing vote" justices who couldn't be counted on by either side, but the court throughout Obama's term has held a 4-1-4 balance – four solid liberals, four solid conservatives, and one swing vote (Kennedy). When it comes to how we're voting, are LGBT voters a constituency that can be counted on by any one party?

There's a lot of problems that aren't being **dealt with**. The matter must be dealt with at once. The case will be dealt with on 19 April. Those crimes should be dealt with harshly. You may consider yourself to have been very leniently dealt with. (Conan Doyle)

We are not being lectured like schoolchildren; we are respected and we are **deferred to**. Those counted in the majority have a right to have their sensibilities respected, to have their beliefs deferred to by others. The building

was created at a time when the car was deferred to, and pedestrians were expected to enter major new public buildings through underground passageways.

In the hotel bar we were **descended upon** by a party of women. Try posting anywhere that you think that marijuana is not harmless, and you will be descended upon by a wild pack of liberal hyenas who will scream at you on what an idiot or hypocrite you are. Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club will be descended upon by hordes of cross country ski racers this weekend.

The elliptical wing [for the Spitfire] was **decided upon** quite early on. More trips will follow, but neither the dates nor the destinations have been decided upon. One thing has been decided upon: The joint venture will be called IMGX.

For months my life was **despaired of**. (Conan Doyle) It is said that Mr Turner is so ill that his life is despaired of. (Conan Doyle) He is dead and her life is despaired of. (Conan Doyle)

Twenty million young women rose to their feet and said "we will not be **dictated to**" – and immediately became shorthand typists. (G. K. Chesterton) We object to being dictated to by prissy little rules and regulations. I won't be dictated to by anyone. We're being dictated to by Brussels and the European bank.

In China, foot binding had finally been **done away with**. The jury system was done away with altogether in 1969. "I don't believe in racial profiling, and that should be done away with," she said.

With sudden, sickening fear I realized that I was being **fired on**. The burglar was fired on by a watchman. It is the third ship to be fired on by Iranian vessels in the past month.

Their car was fired upon as they approached a checkpoint. The wrong location seems to have been fired upon. British Harrier jets have been fired upon by surface-to-air missiles while providing crucial air support in the fight against the Taliban, a senior pilot said yesterday.

There was a period when the use of sign language was **frowned upon**. Earnest heart-to-heart outpourings were frowned upon. Any sign of miserliness is severely frowned upon. In vitro fertilization and embryo freezing are frowned on by the Roman Catholic Church.

He can't be **got rid of** so quickly. They will be got rid of in one way or another. The rats must be got rid of as soon as possible.

Entire neighbourhoods are **given over to** open prostitution. The next few days have been given over to planning and preparation. The bulk of the programme, however, was given over to Russian classics.

Here, as always, fraud must be carefully **guarded against**. These are accidents which could not have been guarded against. The court is generally reluctant to impose liability unless there is a real danger which should have been guarded against in any event.

They have not been **heard from** since. He was not heard from again until September 1, when relatives were allowed a brief visit. State police seek whereabouts of Cornish woman last heard from on Sunday.

He left his lodgings at ten o'clock at night and hasn't been **heard of** since. (Conan Doyle) Such a thing was never heard of. The explorers were never heard of again. Since that day he hasn't been heard of again.

The present nuclear status quo may favour Israel for some time, but it cannot be **held on to** forever. In recent months, particularly in Europe, we've thrown away vital leads that should've been held on to. {Truth has no finality to it. It is not something to be held on to. Truth is discovered minute to minute or not at all.}

Three of my mother's siblings were **informed on** [= verraten] by peasants and then rounded up in the woods and killed by German and Polish policemen. He is gathering evidence against a high school student who smokes a little hashish and has been informed on by a friend and smoking buddy. In 1942, her parents made plans to flee Germany, but were informed on by their German contact.

The soccer referee said, "You've got to have pretty thick skin to take a job where you spend the day being **jeered at** by thousands of irate fans and complained to by dozens of overpaid professional athletes." Crossing the road to

Paddy's Pub, she had been jeered at by a man in the car. Jeered at by male hecklers during her street corner campaign she quotes Miss Anthony: "The hour is come when women will no longer be the passive recipients".

Such behaviours would be remarked upon or **joked about**. There are topics that cannot be joked about. Maybe this is why Romney is so reluctant to go on late night shows: he's been joked about more than twice as much as the president has.

We were immediately **jumped on** by 14-year-old Mark who offered to show us around – for a small fee, of course. His mistake on Friday was immediately jumped on by his opponents as unintentionally revealing that he was more concerned about his own job prospects than the future of the UK. He recalled stories of being jumped on by up to half a dozen school bullies at one time and having to use his lunch tray as a defensive shield.

Such people are often **laughed at** behind their backs. I can see that you were never laughed at when you were at school. Have you ever been laughed at for being "too smart"?

They didn't want to be patronised and **lectured to** by ignorant foreigners. The republican movement, largely Catholic, favors closer links with Ireland and is unaccustomed to being lectured to by an Irish prime minister. There's a difference between being lectured to and feeling you have a voice.

We have been **lied to** for many years. We were duped, lied to and exploited. I don't like being lied to.

Their tales were **listened to** with the greatest eagerness. The radio shouldn't be listened to during homework. The old man was listened to respectfully. Jazz: A kind of music played by blacks and listened to by whites.

The room in which the crime occurred can be seen to-day, for the castle has been **lived in**, and not been allowed to fall into ruins. Fairfield Heights: A new house that is waiting to be lived in. The town had been lived in continuously for well over a thousand years.

They had come to see that things were properly **looked after**. I'll see to it that you are looked after. When my parents died, I was looked after by my uncle and my aunt.

I think there is something rather dangerous about standing on these high places – heights were made to be **looked at**, not to be looked from. She could not help being attracted by the fact that she was being looked at and that her arrival had created some sort of sensation. She was looked at as a role model.

I have only an old motorbike, so I am **looked down upon**. The kids who were not good at sports were looked down on. On the Continent archery was looked down on as a lower-class pursuit, but all English noblemen, up to the king himself, were expected to wield the longbow and the crossbow with skill.

As is usual with such epidemics, pollution of the air and surrounding land and food were investigated, a viral cause was **looked for**. Not one of the allegedly numerous and giant burning sites has been looked for, located, dug up or examined. Gravitational radiation has been looked for in various ways by physicists for a century after its prediction by Einstein in 1915.

I think there is something rather dangerous about standing on these high places – heights were made to be looked at, not to be **looked from**. (G. K. Chesterton) {The Pigeon Tower offers spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. However, the windows face to the North, East, and South – and not westwards to the most spectacular views of the plains of Lancashire and the coastline. This tells us that the Pigeon Tower was designed to be looked upon, or looked up to, and not primarily to be looked from.} This case required a fresh perspective to be looked from.

It's definitely something that needs to be **looked into**. She said that the matter had been looked into and then dropped. That's what needs to be looked into.

Often times today, however, the simple gesture of kindness is **looked upon** as a weakness. These people are looked upon with condescension. They were looked upon with disfavour by other religious groups.

This should not be **lost sight of** by parents, who may turn to tracking technology as a crutch to get over the difficulty of letting go. Welfare became a term of opprobrium – a contentious, often vindictive area of political

conflict in which liberals and conservatives clashed and children were lost sight of. It seems to me a pity that this idea seems to have been lost sight of.

I used to get in trouble a lot, and I remember one time I was talking when the teacher said everyone had to be quiet, and I **was made an example of**, and it wasn't a bad thing. It was clear that she had been made an example of. Johnson has just found himself to be the latest player to be made an example of by the coach.

I feel that I have been **made a fool of**. I will not be made a fool of! He doesn't like being made a fool of. I've been made an April fool of.

He was **made fun of** by his classmates. I have been made fun of because I am a devout Catholic. I suspect that they are being made fun of. Prince Charles is made fun of because of his political and environmental views.

Dogs know when they're being **made a fuss of**, and they love the attention. The average husband likes being made a fuss of. The hotel is very dog friendly – we had a Yorkie puppy who was made a fuss of.

I guess we ended up in the spare bedroom, and I was **made love to** by a black man. What is implied here is that Barbarella was made love to for the first time in her life. Baby, I plan on making love to you like you never been made love to before.

This option was **made use of** in several instances. How can the incentives described be made use of? That's global politics; it is also the politics that can be made use of by a small country and by its president, both manoeuvring among greater forces they do not control.

We were **ministered to** by Hassan, a genial and endlessly obliging host. But that pain is not healed by people crying foul and that grief is not ministered to by talk of a conspiracy. Feng told colorful tales of uptight Beijing cadres going to Hainan night clubs – brothels, essentially – where they were ministered to by "little misses," and of their evolution from excruciating awkwardness to debauchery.

The day before I left Sanya, I was **motioned to** [= *jem. winken*] by a skiff owner who had noticed my interest in the boats. The victim told officials that he started to drive around the neighborhood, and he was motioned to by a person standing near the house whose number he had been given. {On one occasion, Southwell was wandering around the city and was motioned to by a group of Haitian women. Thinking they wanted him to attend to a sick friend or relative, he followed them up some stairs carved into a hillside.}

Another of the original Bond Girls, Andress helped immortalize the roles with her scene-stealing ocean appearance that would decades later be cleverly **nodded to** [*hier etwa im Sinn von "zitieren / wieder aufnehmen"*] by Halle Berry in *Die Another Day*. {The Nobel Prize in Literature for 1993 was awarded to Toni Morrison "*who in novels characterised by visionary force and poetic import, gives life to an essential aspect of American reality*". This "aspect" nodded to by the Nobel committee is African-American life and, more importantly, life lived from the postpartum throes of slavery through to the purportedly 'post-racial' world of today by African-American women.} Recently, white supremacist groups have even been nodded to by political figures, like former President Donald Trump.

I observed that during the meal the M.P. was nodded to by 19 people and addressed by five. He would hardly even nod recognition to his friends, and in his turn would not be nodded to by them. Here she must live and be rich, be nodded to by the traffic policemen at the corners as she sat in her limousine – with a small dog – and here she must stroll on Sunday to and from a stylish church. (Scott Fitzgerald)

The plan was much **objected to** by General Spaatz. I had no idea that his work was objected to because he is seen as a misogynist. This might be objected to as an overstatement. This usage is objected to by grammarians.

Every animal of the group was **operated on** within one day. He did not say which shoulder he was operated on. Moreover, in 2006 Brady was operated on for a brain aneurysm.

The goods are **paid for** at a specific price. Everything was paid for in cash. This training will be paid for by the club.

My cat loved the quarantine because she was **paid attention to** all day. Here she was paid attention to by a gentleman just returned from India, George Gray. What aspects must be paid attention to choosing the fire pump?

A long and lavish dinner had been **partaken of**. (Saki) After tea and cake had been partaken of to the satisfaction of every appetite, Dr Fergus briefly explained the reason why the treat had been so long delayed. These meals were usually called "suppers," after the custom of the Romans, and were partaken of toward the close of the day.

I always had to make sure that my little sister was not **picked on**. I had to make sure that she wasn't picked on. She is not the only one to have been picked on by gossip and mainstream Italian media.

Every letter from loved ones was eagerly **pored over**. The Greek proposals were pored over on Friday after arriving in Brussels and other European Union capitals late on Thursday evening. Rankings are pored over by millions of prospective students and their parents.

The study showed that patients who were being **prayed for** had no better chance of recovery. One 2006 study even found that people who knew they were being prayed for before undergoing heart surgery were more likely to experience complications than people who didn't know whether they were in others' prayers. {When I got the diagnosis of prostate cancer, my first very human response was "why me and why now?" But after finally accepting what was happening to me, being loved by my family, prayed for by my friends, and cared for by my wonderful doctors, the frustration and denial turned to gratitude.}

No one wants to be **preached to**. We are tired of being preached to by elitists who all live in their rich neighbourhoods where they get none of the problems we do in poorer neighbourhoods. But Israel, who had been preached to by countless prophets for hundreds of years, would not listen to God.

His return was **prepared for** – it was to be a night landing. American universities rely heavily on the SAT, a much less comprehensive measure of knowledge, often prepared for by students (at a heavy financial cost) outside school. In the New Testament the public ministry of Jesus was prepared for by John the Baptist.

The squid is **preyed upon** by large fish such as marlin and swordfish, and it's a main staple of sperm whales. Arachnids and insects in general, as well as some other invertebrates, are preyed upon by anuran amphibians (toads, frogs and tree frogs). Lizards are more likely to be preyed upon by owls.

On her 18th birthday, she was **proposed to** by the young man she was in love with, but she refused his offer. The funniest of the program's pieces is the brief finale, "Pandora" by Susan Kim, a skit in which an estranged suburban husband makes a pitch to his wife for reconciliation after she has just been proposed to by another man. The ambitious mother who, having found a suitor for her daughter, found herself in the embarrassing situation of being proposed to by the young man she had hoped would marry her daughter.

Do not worry about the future, for that is **provided for**. (Conan Doyle) My marriage is intact and my family is provided for. In 2001 he promised to serve only the two terms provided for by the constitution.

{“Of course not,” agreed her hostess; “that must be **put a stop to** at once.”} (Saki) It's now too much to hope that this year's World Cup could be put a stop to by non-violent means. The slave trade was put a stop to by the American Civil War.

The yellow ribbons around the lampposts are so fresh, they haven't even been **rained on** yet. So what happens when cut grass in the drying stage is rained on? As the house is being built it is rained on, snowed on, baked in the sun.

She couldn't bear being **read to** any longer. The children were read to by their parents. You're never too old to be read to.

The man couldn't be **reasoned with**. {The Arminians would not submit to this plan of procedure because it destroyed their whole scheme of argument. However, the Synod firmly refused to make any concessions on this point of order. Day after day they were reasoned with and urged to come and scripturally defend their published

doctrines.} {Officers met with a husband and wife who were engaged in a heated argument. The couple were reasoned with and agreed to separate for the evening and go to sleep. Neither party wished to sign complaints or apply for a restraining order against the other.}

It's comical that I keep being **referred to** as a businessman. These are referred to only as "another government agency". Apprentice miners are referred to as "red hats". He was referred to by both names.

He can be **relied on** in all situations. He can't be relied on to be there when you need him. Their support could be relied on.

His conduct was especially **remarked upon**. Such behaviours would be remarked upon or joked about. The apparent snub was remarked upon by several social media users.

Between the songs, toasts are proposed and **responded to**. There are legitimate criticisms and they need to be responded to by the government. The call was responded to by part-time Arcola officer Sean Junge, who is also a fireman in a nearby town, and Tuscola officer Mark Payne.

There's no problem so big that it can't be **run away from**. (Charlie Brown) Critics also argue that Jakarta's problems cannot simply be run away from. He was the bridegroom who was run away from by his bride.

The dog had done something he knew he was going to be **scolded for**. I've taken criticism for using poor grammar — using "I" instead of "me", which I got scolded for by dozens of people. He always causes money-trouble, which he gets scolded for by his superiors.

You're going to have serious trouble with that foot if you don't have it **seen to**. You should get that tooth seen to by a dentist. He was seen to by a doctor after being struck by a baseball bat.

A friend is seriously ill, and I have been **sent for**. (Saki) He explained that he had just been sent for on a most urgent call. (Conan Doyle) A doctor must be sent for at once! Champagne was sent for at once. He had been sent for by several of the most important men in the town.

The soldiers were **shot at** and returned fire. He had never been shot at before. Some protesters retreated, while others marched on, only to be shot at again.

{Sometime later, an American B-24 Liberator bomber appeared in the sky and was **signalled to** by Hartenstein [= captain of a German submarine]. Despite the Red Cross flags and the survivors crowded on the submarine's decks and in the towed lifeboats, the B-24, under orders from its base, started making attack runs on U-156.} The pursuit of the white Ford Fiesta began when the driver of the car failed to stop after he was signalled to by police. LEAVING THE FIRING POINT DURING COMPETITION: If a competitor must leave the firing point during the course of competition, the Range Officer must be signalled to by raising a hand.

You know how in Judaism only the person who has been **sinned against** can forgive? Have you been hurt or sinned against by fellow Christians in your own church? When you are sinned against or are a witness to sin, is hatred something that rises up in you? He argued that he was more sinned against than a sinner.

I know children who have never been **sung to** by a single living human being. I realized that there comes a time in every woman's life when she needs to be sung to by a man with a heartbreakingly handsome voice in a language she doesn't understand. It was a treat to be sung to by the choir.

When ground war in Iraq began, Michael Kelly rented a four-wheel-drive Nissan Safari, borrowed some camouflage pants and gas-proof rubber gloves, and set off across the desert, where he was mistaken for an advance party of the American Army and **surrendered to** by a batch of bewildered Iraqi soldiers. God's must be surrendered to by us. Churchill & Roosevelt say they won't be surrendered to by Fascists, they want to be surrendered to by democrats.

Foreign reporters have been **spied on**, attacked and deported too. Senior Mexican and Chilean diplomats at the UN have since claimed their missions were spied on. No one likes to be spied on.

Even the high-backed hideous chairs looked as if they had once been **sat in** by cardinals. (G. Greene) In the southeast of the chapel there is a chair which was reputed to be a seat that was sat in by Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine when she was looking for the True Cross. Legend would have it that the chair was sat in by Shakespeare, with Anne Hathaway on his knee, during their courtship.

Her bed had not been **slept in** that night. His bed has been slept in, as you can see. Pale and dishevelled, Mr. Depp rolls through the film in a wardrobe that looks as if it has been slept in.

I heard of a man who had a boat – it was **spoken of** in the bazaar. Europe is often spoken of in idealistic, abstract terms. Also much spoken of was the case of the sixth Duke of Somerset. The incident was never spoken of between us.

I don't want to be **spoken to**. He blushes when he is **spoken to** by a woman. During the first hour the captain was not to be spoken to. He had no doubt that he was being spoken to by God. I will not be spoken to in this manner! Only speak when you are spoken to!

Girls who had slept with German soldiers had their heads shaven and were driven around and **spat at**. A Cambridgeshire police officer tested positive for Covid-19 after he was spat at by a suspect who claimed to have the virus. Cornwall paramedic shares emotional video after being spat at by patient.

The girl was **spat on** and called a prostitute. Mohammed, an asylum seeker from Afghanistan who was detained in 2009, told me he was spat on and repeatedly called a "terrorist bastard" by one member of staff. In one case, a western Sydney mother and her baby were spat on and her pram kicked.

I have been spat upon more than once. Mayer has been insulted by fans, even spat upon. Agents have war stories about being slapped, kicked, spat upon, slashed with razors and shot at.

The activists claim to have been **spied on** by the police. Trump has made numerous, shifting claims that his campaign had been spied on over the years. A recent study confirms that 22 journalists from *El Faro* were spied on using the spyware Pegasus.

Other islands were less likely to be **stumbled upon** by sailors. The town, known as Goverthing – which strangely has never appeared on any New York City historical maps or been noted by a single historian – is said to have been stumbled upon during recent demolition work on the island. The "biggest thing ever to be discovered in Irish astronomy" was stumbled upon by Dave Grennan during an evening spent sitting in his garden shed.

We will no longer be **taken advantage of**! She feels she is being taken advantage of. He was afraid of being taken advantage of. She is easily taken advantage of. They realized that they had been taken advantage of. Our eagerness was taken advantage of by our opponent.

It's not being properly **taken care of**. We knew that our families would be well taken care of in our absence. I always knew I would be taken care of. The bill had already been taken care of.

Greece is too large not to be **taken notice of**. It is an obvious truth, which has been taken notice of by many writers, that population must always be kept down to the level of the means of subsistence (Thomas Malthus) We need your help to make this a force that will be taken notice of.

We have been **talked about** enough as it is. They are talked about disparagingly. Three options have been talked about for years. Self-censorship is rarely talked about publicly.

If I hadn't paid nearly \$700 for my phone, which I was **talked into** because of the camera, I would have gotten rid of it a long time ago! {To get full internet capacity you need a Blu-ray player, which I got (Samsung, for compatibility) and it works great. Also not really sure you need 120hz, which I was talked into by a salesperson.} Filing the lawsuit – which he was talked into by the shadiest of lawyers – was an unbelievable mistake.

Children who aren't **talked to** develop depression, delinquency, and learning disabilities. How strange it is to be talked to in such a way. My dog likes to be talked to.

The paper had undoubtedly been **tampered with**. (Conan Doyle) The dead man's papers had not been tampered with. (Conan Doyle) While it was in the safe the envelope could not have been tampered with.

Before the note was ready for delivery I was **telephoned to** by Ritter, head of the Economic Section of the Foreign Office, who asked if he could speak to me on a matter of some urgency. He says that he was telephoned to by the correspondent about twenty times. {Soon the Bobbsey home was reached. There were lights in it, for Sam, the colored man, had been telephoned to, to have the place opened for the family.}

Every detail has been **tended to** for this weekend's centennial celebration. By now the rough spots and slackness that marred Mr. Gergiev's work for the first performance on Dec. 29 should surely have been tended to. The affected family must be tended to with sensitivity and care.

Both men were well **thought of** by their superiors. Spitting is thought of as unhealthy behaviour. If you do that, you'll be thought well of. Everything had been thought of before. He was very highly thought of by everyone who worked for him.

All the time there was one topic which was never **touched on**. It's a subject that's only been rarely touched on by Hollywood. Mrs. Clinton also echoed the themes touched on by President Obama in a speech he delivered at the museum in April.

He complained bitterly about his rights being **trampled on**. If you're shy and meek, you'll easily be trampled on by others and find yourself doing things you really don't want to. "Poland, Belarus – that part of the world has been so trampled on by many different people, and it has always been interesting to me," he explained.

I asked him what the hotel was being **turned into**. As more and more components are packed onto computer chips, the problems of getting electricity to where it is needed in a microprocessor, and of dispersing the heat which that electricity is turned into by the chip's operation, both become harder. What Dr Dickerson and Dr Janda did was to look not at nicotine itself, but at nornicotine, one of the molecules that nicotine is turned into by the body, and particularly by the brain.

The upshot of the petition was **waited for** in Weatherbury with solicitous interest. The result of this examination was waited for by all on board with the deepest anxiety. It's always so nice to be waited for.

It is most convenient for men who want to be **waited on** hand and foot. At one point she stays at the home of an Indian friend and is waited on by black servants. Outwardly, the McClaines are a simple father-and-son pair, who live in an antiquated Elizabethan-style cottage overlooking Culver Bay in Dorset, and are waited on by their housekeeper, Mrs Harris.

They are waited upon by servants and considered in a social class far above all others. The bar is furnished with a good supply of the choicest wines and liquors, and customers will be waited upon by an experienced barkeeper. She'd been waited upon by servants her whole life.

A 91-year-old woman who was **waved to** by hundreds of Derby County fans marching through the city at the weekend, said she was left feeling "like royalty". {It was so comfortable we forgot we were on a train! It was also quite fun to be waved to by the locals on the way.} {I wondered how often I had been waved to by people I knew, only to return their friendly greetings with blank stares. My eyes had been veiled by nearsighted vision.}

His solo playing was here admired by all who heard him, and was **wondered at** by those who understood the difficulties of his unwieldy instrument. On the eighteenth day he was laid in the grave beside Patroklos, his dear friend, and over them both the Greeks raised a barrow that was wondered at in the after-times. The first part involves a one-on-one interview with someone older and perhaps wiser at a nearby pub, where stories are swapped and life's mystery is wondered at over a beer and a stack of cue cards.

Never before had this effort been accurately **written about**. This decision has been much written about. The Austro-Hungarian Empire written about by Zweig wasn't just about waltzes, duels and love affairs.

The guests will have to be **written to** and informed. The employee should be written to by the line manager confirming their intention to conduct a contact visit. Please inform us at 'anti-fraud@caen.it' if you suspect that you have been written to or verbally approached under the improper use of the brand name "CAEN".

Pedestrians are at the top and must be **yielded to** by everyone; next are cyclists; and last are golf carts. What should the Western media do about China's sudden decision, feebly yielded to by the International Olympic

Committee, to reverse its long-standing commitment to allow foreign journalists unfettered access to the Internet during the Games? The company then froze the oil project the following month and lifted it in August after its demands were yielded to by the government.

EXKURS: "To operate on/upon"

"In the hospital they operated him at once." – Klingt doch ganz richtig, oder? Trotzdem ist dieser Satz falsch. Korrekt ist: In the hospital they operated on/upon him at once. Das Verb "to operate" benötigt die Präposition "on" vor einem Objekt und verführt daher zu einem Germanismus; aus diesem Grund wird hier ein Exkurs angeboten.

Zuerst einige Aktiv-Beispiele für "to operate on/upon (a patient)":

I saw Dr Pradham operating on a 2-year-old boy. As a trainee surgeon in Manchester, I operated on a child with a complete obstruction of the small bowel [= Dünndarm]. {When Mehran Anvari picks up a surgical instrument and cuts into somebody's flesh, he doesn't use his own hands. In fact, he's not even in the room. He operates on patients that are 400 kilometres away. From a console in St Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, Canada, he controls a robot surgeon in an entirely different part of the country, slicing, stitching and removing bits of the body.} Surgeons operated on him overnight. All doctors refused to operate on a Jewish child. Operating on the fetus is another more challenging enterprise. That way, surgeons can practice the delicate insertion procedure before actually operating on a child. Then, in 1968, he operated on a 54-year-old man, who died a week afterward.

A doctor who is examining a patient or operates upon a patient must necessarily touch the patient. Prior to examining or operating upon a patient the doctor must have access to the patient's notes so that any previous conditions that may affect the outcome can be identified. Doctors at the local Civil Hospital have achieved a rare feat by successfully operating upon a woman and removing a 7.5 kg tumour from her uterus. I was with a patient who we had operated upon just then. It was the seventh day since Dr Sadao had operated upon the young white man.

Im Passiv sieht das dann so aus:

I myself was operated on last summer for prostate cancer. He called me before being operated on for cancer for the first time. He will need to be operated on. He was lying painfully on his stomach, having been operated on that morning. He's getting operated on now. Both were operated on in November. She has been operated on twice previously. There was no knowing at present whether or not McCullum might possibly recover without being operated on. She can't afford to have her dog operated on. The dog must be operated on for cataract [= grauer Star]. In jail, he developed a kidney disease and was operated on at least four times. In the 1950s, Kavanagh suffered from cancer and was operated on to have a lung removed. When the patient was operated on, the left kidney was removed. She was operated on more than 30 times during her life. Alix was operated on a few hours after she was injured. When he was operated on for his lung cancer, tobacco tar flowed out.

Last year 513 patients were operated upon free of charge and 320 operations were performed on private patients. I need to be operated upon as soon as possible. In 1996 he was operated upon for cancer of the palate and in 1998 the disease returned to his throat. Eight patients had been previously operated upon. Mrs McKee told the BBC that waiting for an announcement, which will determine where her child will be operated upon, has been difficult. These patients will typically be operated upon some months after birth. "Some people walked out of the hospital with bandages that had barely stopped the flow of blood, only three hours after they had been operated upon," he said. Patients that have recently been operated upon are often dehydrated. There was one patient who had been operated upon 19 times during 3 years. Last year 513 patients were operated upon free of charge and 320 operations were performed on private patients. All patients were operated upon by the same surgeon. Sally, he had been told, was being operated upon for a small internal ulcer.

Mit einem Sonderfall haben wir es hier zu tun:

One woman was operated on both hips. He was operated on both legs to correct the bowing. My mom had breast cancer and she was operated on the left breast. Even in the discharge certificate it was stated in the column diagnosis that the complainant was operated on the left foot whereas in fact the surgery was performed on the right foot. He had been operated on the right hip about 20 years before, and had since then been walking with the aid of a walker and limping.

Eigentlich würde man (im ersten Beispielsatz) erwarten: One woman was operated on on both hips. Und solche Sätze gibt es tatsächlich: Former German U17 international Jan Engels (23) injured his right foot, but was actually operated on on his left, healthy foot. Norwegian King Harald is doing well after he was operated on on his heart on Friday morning. {At Dordrecht he only played 4 official games in the first half of the season. Almost immediately after his return to Ajax, he was operated on on his shoulder, which ended the season for Leeuwenburgh.} The 30-year-old cyclist had an unfortunate fall during a training camp in Spain on Thursday and was operated on her head later in the day. {Then she was operated on on her back. The operation helped and the pain was gone again.} One patient was operated on on the wrong part of their body.

Vermutlich ist es die Idiomatik, die es gestattet, in solchen "on + on"-Sätzen auch auf eine der beiden Präpositionen zu verzichten.

Grundsätzlich wehrt sich die englische Sprache nicht gegen zweimal "on" hintereinander:

He was operated on on Wednesday afternoon. At the end of 2004, Artur Gadowski started to have problems with his voice and was operated on on October 18. Woods was operated on on Tuesday at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, with surgery on his right shinbone and calf bone, plus his foot and ankle. It is important to state that this young woman was not operated on on the basis of a radiological image, but after 18 months of incapacitating pain, unresponsive to medication. The patient, a twenty-year-old man, was operated on on an emergency basis. The boy was operated on on suspicion of an appendiceal abscess.

Anschließend einige Aktiv-Bespiele für "to operate on/upon sth.":

{If a doctor effects some trumpery cure with a wet compress or a peppermint lozenge nobody takes the least notice of him. But if he operates on the throat and kills the patient, or extirpates an internal organ and keeps the whole nation palpitating for days whilst the patient hovers in pain and fever between life and death, his fortune is made.} (G. B. Shaw) The doctor had to operate on her leg. He decided to operate once on one of her lungs. The surgeon who operated on my arm was trying to save it. They operate on your neck, they operate on your jaw, they operate on your throat. Doctors operated on his back on Tuesday. He operates on the hearts of babies and children. This reduces the risk of operating on the wrong eye. Indeed most surgeons would not contemplate operating on the liver now without technically advanced instrumentation. You don't want them operating on the wrong toe! Operating on a canary is a very delicate process. For heart surgeons like Dr Elefteriades, operating on a beating heart presents obvious challenges. His thesis was on knee operations, but never operated on a knee before. She once operated on a hamster to remove bladder stones, after its owner insisted.

During the last seventeen years, I have operated upon a very large number of recent fractures at all ages, from early infancy to extreme old age, with the same uniform success. The doctor spoke about a case of chronic bone infection that he had operated upon. By 1921, he had operated upon 112 cases of intracranial tumour with an 8.1% surgical mortality.

Anders gemeint ist natürlich: Doctors had to operate on bloody tables because they did not have enough water to clean them.

Im Passiv sieht das dann so aus:

He was told that his arm would be operated on soon. I don't know which shoulder was operated on. The problem is Webb's shoulder, which was operated on last August. If her lung was operated on she would have a 10% chance of survival. Last summer, Daly's wrecked right elbow was operated on and had four screws inserted. The left hip was operated on 16 months later. The low point was having my eyes operated on.

The local treatment was carried out as follows: A tourniquet was applied to the extremity to be operated upon and kept in place until a cast was applied following the operation. Some of the previous studies have included patients with only isolated bladder endometriosis or cases where only ureteral endometriosis has been operated upon. An infection occurs when microorganisms get into the part of the body that has been operated upon. If only one foot has been operated upon, it is well to carry the plaster far up on the thigh, with the knee

straight. If therefore only such kinds of growths were operated upon, the prognosis was of course promising and the operation was considered as a successful one against "cancer".

Falls es jedoch keine Objekt gibt, steht natürlich nur "to operate" alleine:

A surgeon can operate if the cancer has not spread too far. Finally the vet decided to operate. No one would think of permitting a doctor to operate without sufficient education and training. The surgeon may have to operate, but he doesn't want to unless it's absolutely necessary. Caesarean section [= Kaiserschnitt] is not a risk-free operation and this must be taken into consideration before deciding to operate. There is a good chance that we won't have to operate. Operating would have rendered her mute, and she would have been required to use a feeding tube for the rest of her life. The doctor had to operate to save the patient. I don't think we need operate. There were a few problems that we couldn't foresee until we operated.

2. Passive progressive tenses

Dass es die "progressive form" auch im Passiv gibt (man fügt einfach "being" zur Verbform hinzu) ist allgemein bekannt – allerdings nur für die present tense und für die past tense. Die Unterpunkte 2.1. und 2.2. dienen daher nur der Erinnerung bzw. Auffrischung. Für manche Leser neu wird dagegen der Unterpunkt 3. sein: die "progressive form" findet sich auch an Orten, wo sie mancher nicht erwarten würde.

2.1. Present tense passive progressive

Most of these questions are already being answered by our government's policies. The proposals are currently being attacked from the left and right. As women have gained more access to education and contraception, fewer babies are being born. A woman who is being beaten can go to a battered women's shelter. (Jimmy Carter) I hate that feeling when you discover your child is being bitched about by other parents in a secret Facebook group. In India and China, gold is being increasingly bought as a way to show success. I am afraid that you are not being cared for properly. I feel as if I am being carried on a surging tide of events over which I have little control. Many fundamental concepts in cancer are being challenged now. The \$15 billion border wall built under the administration of former President Donald Trump is being climbed over by people using \$5 ladders, according to Texas Monthly. Something is clearly not being properly communicated here. In the United States, 36 million adults suffer from high blood pressure that isn't being controlled. Are these assets being properly deployed? There's a lot of problems that aren't being dealt with. Too little is being done to make educational establishments more efficient while maintaining access to them for the broad mass of the population. So while these teenagers may well be bright, they aren't being properly educated. The Dutch experiment, Cisco says, is being closely followed by dozens of cities. I'm being forced to sell everything. Today, that lesson is being forgotten. Their security, he said, was a top priority, and they were being closely guarded. The next morning Gideon sat in court while the charges were being heard. We don't know where he is being held. Atlantic bluefin tuna are being hunted faster than they can reproduce. The new laws are not being properly implemented. They both bristle when they feel they are being insulted. A number of sites are currently being investigated. These numbers are troubling and suggest that the dogs aren't being properly kept under control. Was she killed on the night of Garcia's death, or is she being kept prisoner somewhere? An entire generation is being left behind. Spouses know when they are being lied to. Despite massive efforts to protect rhinos in Africa the war against rhino poaching is being lost. Now our lives are being made impossible. I suspect that they are being made fun of. Are these banks being properly managed? The demand for transplantable kidneys is being fully met. Sadly, for dozens of countries around the world, that target is not being met, because too little money is invested in health. The whole point is that people don't know if they're being monitored, and that uncertainty makes people more obedient. The referendum is being closely monitored abroad. As a pioneer, South Australia is being closely observed, and not always with benevolent intent. The accounts are not being properly opened up to scrutiny. Nobody likes to feel they are being ordered and bossed around. None of our kids are being prepared for the jobs of tomorrow. The aquifers aren't being replenished because more than 97 percent of Jakarta is now smothered by concrete and asphalt. As miners and loggers charge into the Amazon, the landscape is being reshaped. History doesn't always

help clarify things, because it is being continuously rewritten. All schools are this week being sent an explanatory leaflet setting out the details of the test. He is made to feel that every courtesy is being shown him. She feels she is being taken advantage of. He told me that everything was being taken care of. Are we being told the truth? We are living in a world that is being rapidly transformed through prodigious innovations and disruptive technologies. Quality and safety in social care are finally being properly underpinned by legislation and regulation. The technology is not being used to its full potential. More than half a billion hectares of land are not being properly used for crop production. Mushrooms are increasingly being used to replace red meat. I'm not feeling like I'm being watched all day. The results are being closely watched by national party leaders.

2.2. Past tense passive progressive

Meanwhile chairs and carpets were being arranged in the outer aisle. They flew right into an electrical storm and were soon being bounced around as the plane creaked loudly. The Brooklyn Bridge, which was being built throughout the 1870s by the Roebling father and son team, was the world's first great suspension bridge. By the early Victorian era coal was being burned in England in prodigious quantities. It calls for the state to take steps to ensure the fees are being properly charged. The bombers could not be expected to fly straight and level when they were being chased. The U.S. has the capacity and the moral obligation to intervene where we believe atrocities are being committed. I also felt that what had happened to Clive wasn't being properly communicated. Egbert thought he was being unreasonably dealt with. (Saki) As these laws were being debated, there were those who argued that government shouldn't interject itself into civil society. By 1927, more people were being deported from Ellis Island than were coming in through it. I was convinced that everything that could be done was being done. A bomb killed him as he was being driven to work. There were few jobs to be had, and their savings were being eaten away quickly. {Were we being followed? I couldn't turn to find out.} France continued its nuclear tests in the South Pacific in the 1960s even after it learned that the local population was being exposed to dangerous levels of radioactive fallout. With sudden, sickening fear I realized that I was being fired on. He said he wouldn't have got on the plane if he'd known it was being flown by a woman. He didn't bother to see whether he was being followed. Did you at any time suspect that you were being followed by another car? On the other side of the road a large motor-car was being got ready for an immediate start. (Saki) Obviously patients weren't being given proper treatment with such overcrowding. He said that he had not slept well in weeks and was being haunted by a nightmare of drowning in a river. The whispers of war were already being heard now that Hitler had invaded Poland. We went to the hotel where the meeting was being held. I felt that something was being held back from me. After his visit, Mr. Lee told reporters that Mr. Suharto's legacy was not being properly honored. He said therapeutic care models were not being properly implemented. These materials were already being imported from abroad in proto-historical times. I was not even present at that meeting, but I was being constantly informed. I think he wasn't being kept informed by his superiors. It was already dusk, and the lamps were just being lit as we paced up and down in front of Briony Lodge. He shook his head, knowing that he was being lied to. (Conan Doyle) She could not help being attracted by the fact that she was being looked at and that her arrival had created some sort of sensation. As the coffin was being lowered into the grave, Virginia stepped forward and laid on it a large cross made of white and pink almond blossoms. (O. Wilde) While these efforts were being made to keep order in the city, the fire continued to grow. He thought he was being made a fool of in some way. I knew that my every move was being closely monitored. It was reported that the hostages were being continuously moved. My nervousness was rapidly being overcome by my anger. My office in town was being painted, so I decided to work at home that day. They said they were not being paid for their work. She left the convent in a panic, claiming that she was being poisoned. The study showed that patients who were being prayed for had no better chance of recovery. We got there just as the girl was being pulled out of the water by a rescuer. When I was not being questioned, I played chess or talked politics with the guards. Back at base we had a cup of coffee while the plane was being refuelled. Even though I was fourteen, I was still being sent to church every Sunday by my mother. Recently, children were being separated from their parents after they crossed the US border. Officials said the data was being shared with international partners. The fine snow blasting against my bare skin made me feel like I was being showered with fine shards of glass. He had no doubt that he was being spoken to by God. However, these staff were not being properly supported to do their jobs. We could not go outside because the decks [of the ship] were being swept by monumental waves. When my career started, I didn't feel I was being taken seriously. They had no warning they were being targeted. It's hard to act natural when you are being trailed

by camera crews. Experts have also said staff were not being properly trained and equipped for the job. I asked him what the hotel was being turned into. I knew he worked in the evening, when the machines were'n't being used. It was hard to believe these prison cells were still being used in the 1980s. I felt that my time was being wasted. I saw him take some money out of her pocket when he thought that he wasn't being watched. I must admit that when I felt I was being wronged, I took personal offense.

2.3. Other tenses

2.3.1. Beispiele für die future tense passive progressive kommen viel seltener vor:

In three months, the house will still be being built. In addition, a new office building of approximately 2,800 m² will be being built, with emphasis on ensuring that the employees get the best possible working environment. It has recently been announced that a £2 billion Disney style theme park resort in Swanscombe (peninsula) will be being built for the year 2018. {We have decided therefore to proceed with the move to Windows 2022 on all servers now, and complete the hardware upgrades over the coming months as stock arrives in. This will be being done in the background with no disruption, which is possible due to the new Windows 2022 servers all being virtualised.} {Pupils engage in fun and insightful lessons in all the subjects of the curriculum. You may find them with flaming torches (bright red and yellow paper flames!) role playing the Olympics for their topic on Ancient Greece, staring into rock pools on the edge of the Indian Ocean for their study of the local environment, or wearing reindeer antlers for the Christmas Show. All will be being done with enthusiasm and an enjoyment of what they are learning.} My client is concerned that delaying the works will be a problem as they will be being done in October, when there are fewer daylight hours and the weather may make working less safe. If those estimates are accepted then they mean that most of the dual fired plants in Europe will be being phased out by about 2010 or shortly after. The Scottish Executive's climate change strategy, produced in November 2000, assumes that nuclear power will be being phased out over the next 10 years. {Volvo plans to release 5 new electric Volvo models between 2019 and 2021 with all new models having an electric motor from 2019. Conventional internal combustion models will be being phased out from 2019.} 2015 will be an exciting year here down under as the ICC Cricket World Cup will be being played in New Zealand and Australia throughout February and March next year. Do drop in to the church between 2-5pm where carols will be being played and our Nativity will be showing on screen. Revellers can choose from over 40 different cask beers and a selection of delicious foods from pizza to bratwurst alongside live music which will be being played all day. {Over the course of the rest of the week I would like you to write a review of a different type of product or service each day. I will tell you what you will be reviewing, who the intended audience will be, and where the review will be being published; you'll have all of the information you need to plan the type of language you will use and the level of formality/informality you feel is appropriate.} The four will be being published in a box set as "The Company Quartet" this winter. In addition to that, there will be a daily blog on the SigmaCamp web site where camp photos and news will be being published, so you will be able to see what is going on in our camp.

2.3.2. Authentische Beispiele für die future perfect tense passive progressive sind fast überhaupt nicht zu finden:

The ISS (= International Space Station) will have been being worked on for over 15 years when Phase Two (three-man lasting group ability) is finished in 2001.

Dieses Beispiel ist authentisch – der Leser möge es sich noch einmal vor Augen führen: The ISS [= International Space Station] will have been being worked on for over 15 years when Phase Two (three-man lasting group ability) is finished in 2001. *Wir sehen hier den Rekord der englischen Sprache für Verbformen vor uns: eine Verbform, die aus 5 (fünf!) Teilen besteht! (Vergleiche auch 3.2.2.) Was man (im Internet) sonst noch findet, sind konstruierte Beispiele auf Websites, die sich mit Grammatik-Themen befassen.*

2.3.3. Für die present perfect tense passive progressive gibt es authentische Beispiele:

These plans have been being explored in consultation with the Greater London Authority for some time. Claims that the whole selection process was contrived to assist Khan, who led Ed Miliband's Labour leadership campaign, have been being fed to journalists for months. The BBC has now come under this intense scrutiny, but for years commercial stations have been being fined tens of thousands of pounds for minor transgressions. {What your brother should do next time the guy is following him is to drive to a police station. Or he could also call the police when he is being followed and report that he is and has been being followed by a suspicious person.} Natalie realizes she has been being followed all night, but when no one believes she's in actual danger, she takes matters into her own hands. These skills have been being widely investigated in recent years in future teachers. {A healthcare problem that can be studied statistically is Covid-19. It is a hot topic and it has been being studied for the last couple of months.} At the September 10, 2012 meeting residents were told there was a feasibility study that has been being studied for two years. Experimental and clinical remedies have been being tried to promote wound healing. {There have been increasing concerns that Russian individuals and organizations have been using crypto to avoid sanctions placed on them by the West. And to that end, four Democratic senators, including Elizabeth Warren and Mark Warner, wrote a letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, asking whether crypto has been being used to hinder sanctions.} It seems as though the same question has been being asked for decades now without a definitive answer. Age verification for pornographic sites has been being discussed for a number of years. The name of AJ Brown has been being heard for weeks as one that could be involved in a transfer in the NFL. The service has been being tested in Poland since April 21, 2021. "I often laugh because I hear people say this bill has been being worked on for about eight years," she said.

Aber Vorsicht! Nicht alles, was wie eine present perfect tense passive continuous aussieht, ist auch eine: I enjoying diving and exploring the underwater world – a highlight of which has been being followed around by two sea turtles! In diesem Satz ist "being followed" kein Verb-Bestandteil, sondern ein gerund, welches hier als Prädikatsnomen (Gleichsetzungsglied) auftritt: Das Highlight war die Verfolgung durch zwei Meeresschildkröten.

2.3.4. Auch für die past perfect tense passive progressive finden sich Beispiele:

Asked if the Iranian broadcaster's channels had been being blocked as a result of the sanctions, a YouTube spokeswoman refused to speak on the record about any specific channel. In a sort of Solomonic decision, the Fed approved a cap of 21 to 24 cents a transaction, down from an average of 44 cents that had been being charged. But we all knew it was over before the fire started – the camp had been being demolished for a few days, the refugees knew they were leaving and never coming back. {The police also said that evidence from the autopsy also supported their view that John Willmott had put up substantial resistance against his assailant and that he had actually engaged him in a battle of fisticuffs. It was also noted that John Willmott had himself recently stated that he had been being followed and had also recently added more or less seriously that he might be attacked.} Local groups believe that this incident was no accident, but was for the direct purpose of intimidating the two defenders, notably as they had been being followed by the same car since they had left the airport. She discovered that she had been being paid substantially less than her male co-workers on films she had starred in. "And people were buying back the euro because that is the currency that had been being shorted the most against the dollar," he added. {Not all residents of the United States agree that Donald Trump deserves to be the President. Someone can label him as a clown, racist, sexist or xenophobe; nevertheless, his victory in the race of persuasion is hardly questionable. The election of him as a president means that he is more persuasive than other candidates. Curiously enough, the art of persuasion had been being studied long before the emergence of the Republican Party.} Iranian officials said a US-registered plane which landed in Tehran earlier in the week, causing international comment given US sanctions against Iran, had been being used by a mining delegation from Ghana. Captain Mike Kafka, a spokesman for the US Indo-Pacific Command, reassured the general public that the Russian vessels had been being watched.

2.3.5. Zwar gilt ein conditional nicht als tense, doch gibt es die "progressive form" auch für den present conditional passive:

{The prime minister added: "I think we should be working to get the right deal for Scotland and the UK with our future partnership with the European Union. It would be unfair to the people of Scotland that they would be being asked to make a crucial decision without the information they need to make that decision."} {"Code noir, those words are French and mean black code," said slave historian Dr. Ibrahima Seck. The black code was a set of regulations adopted in Louisiana in 1724 from other French colonies around the world, meant to govern the state's slave population. Seck said those rules included branding slaves with the fleur-de-lis as punishment for running away. "He would be taken before a court and the sentence would be being branded on one shoulder and with the fleur-de-lis, and then they would crop their ears," Seck said.} {If I could do anything imaginable, I would choose to find the cure for cancer. My life's dream journey would be being performed in the medical field. I would be a nurse on the oncology floor working with children.} {If Arsenal had scored in the first 20 minutes then it would have been a different game and I would be being questioned about why I played with three defenders, but now I can laugh.} {Every experiment should have only one independent variable. If the question were "How much sun and water does a plant need?" two things would be being studied at once (sun and water), which would be confusing.} I guess if I ever had made it to minister, I would be being sacked today. Were developers given free rein much more of central London would be being rebuilt.

Aber Vorsicht! Nicht alles, was wie ein present conditional passive progressive aussieht, ist auch ein solcher: I always thought that the most egregious infringement of personal freedom would be being watched on a constant basis by Big Brother. {People who have experienced trauma and have repeatedly been told that their experiences, characteristics, or emotional reactions are unreasonable and unacceptable may suffer further and develop chronic difficulties, says Workman. She says an example would be being blamed or verbally abused after disclosing a trauma.} Poulter, who was selling golf balls and candy bars at a pro shop eight years ago, said the highlight of his season would be being ranked second, behind Tiger Woods. *In diesen drei Beispielen sind "being watched", "being blamed" und "being ranked" keine Bestandteile einer "progressive form", sondern gerunds, die als Prädikatsnomen (Gleichsetzungsglieder) fugieren.*

2.3.6. Für einen perfect conditional passive progressive finden sich nur wenig Beispiele:

She wrote her first piano concerto at the age of 14, when most of her peers would have been being primed for marriage and childbearing. If Congress had only passed the appropriations bill last year, this problem would have been being taken care of by now. It's hard to believe that, just a few months ago, these kids would have been being hoisted out of the same water by aid workers, having made the dangerous journey from Turkey to the Greek island of Lesbos by boat. The shepherds and sheep on the hills around Bethlehem in the Christmas nativity story capture a slice of live where livestock in the fields often would have been being raised to supply sacrificial victims for temples.

3. Other passive forms: gerund, participle, infinitive

3.1. *Der Vollständigkeit halber sei erwähnt, dass es auch jenseits von tenses und conditional noch weitere Passiv-Formen gibt:*

- *Gerund:*
There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. (O. Wilde) Not being properly listened to also caused rifts in the relationship between patient and staff. {Many islanders [= Channel Islands, 1940-45] successfully hid their radios (or replaced them with homemade crystal sets) and continued listening to the BBC despite the risk of being discovered by the Germans or being informed on by neighbours. We object to being dictated to by prissy little rules and regulations.
All I regret is having been born. She complained about having been unfairly treated. Children are never responsible for having been taken in by a scheming and treacherous adult.
- *Participle:*
Being addressed as "boss", I didn't know what to say. Being congratulated by his teammates, he thanked

them for their help. It's comical that I keep being referred to as a businessman.

When her novel won the Orange Prize in 2005, having been rejected by 30 publishers, the big question was: Who is Lionel Shriver? The congestion charge was still a novelty in London in 2005, having been introduced just two years earlier. The multimillion-pound contract was confirmed by David Cameron in February 2015, having been delayed until after the Scottish independence referendum.

- *Infinitive:*

Justice must not only be done, it must be seen to be done. Permission must be applied for to exhume the body. I think there is something rather dangerous about standing on these high places – heights were made to be looked at, not to be looked from.

You may consider yourself to have been very leniently dealt with. (Conan Doyle) The wrong location seems to have been fired upon. While it was in the safe the envelope could not have been tampered with.

Näheres findet man in allen Grammatiken.

3.2.1. Eine spezielle Form verdient besondere Beachtung, weil sie in vielen Grammatiken gar nicht erwähnt wird – nämlich der "present progressive infinitive passive". Es folgt eine größere Zahl von Beispielen, weil die Folge "(to) be + being + past participle" auch fortgeschrittenen Englisch-Lernenden möglicherweise nicht geläufig ist:

Several experts suggest the website may be being used by Saudi intelligence to monitor Jihadi militants. {'Stay on as PM? It would be miserable. Every moment I was here I'd be being prepared for the slaughterhouse' was what David Cameron said after the Brexit result.} The first effects may already be being felt. Mullah Muhammad Omar, the Taliban's chief, may be being sheltered there. The elusive spirit seems to be being maintained. You assume these people must be being looked after. I should be being paid for this. The aircrew, the ground staff and their back-up would still be being paid. I guess if I ever had made it to minister, I would be being sacked today. A similar public relations offensive appears to be being waged by the American reconstruction team. Most seem to think that his troubles must be being exaggerated by the media. About \$4 billion is believed to be being withheld from the Tamil Tigers around the world. {It will take time. I think up until this point the slowness of the NFC phone roll-out has been the bottle neck. But that appears now to be being unblocked.} The phones may also be being sold at a loss. The girls are believed to be being held in the Sambisa forest in north-east Nigeria. {Osterholm also points out that many mild cases [of Covid-19] in humans may be being missed. Saudi Arabia has been looking for the virus only in patients in intensive care, he says. "That is like the drunk looking for his lost keys only under the street light because that is where there is light."} The logic of this would be to ensure that the highest priority actions will be being taken in areas that have the greatest opportunity first. {"For one week in 2012, hundreds of thousands of Facebook users were unknowingly subjected to an experiment in which their news feed was altered to see whether certain kinds of content made users happy or sad," reporter Matt Pearce explained this week. – Oh my. So it's not just that some of my friends have more exciting lives, or that their kids are better behaved and more successful, or that they are traveling to exotic locales while I slave away at work, or even that their cats do funnier things than mine does. Instead, my emotions may be being "tinkered with"} {There is an old saying that says: *Behind every great man is a great woman*. A man needs someone to believe in him. That is how his best will shine forth. It's important to help your man realize his potential. That potential IS there. But it's equally important that he lives up to it. That he shows you. That he tries. And yes, many people have not yet fully realized their potential; it is a work in progress, is it not? However, it will still be being implemented in some way. Actions will be being taken. *Real* efforts will be being made, with *real* results. So, let him show you. Let him prove it. And while he is showing it to you, he will prove it to himself.} {"She obviously loves men because she's in there for seven abortions, so she's familiar with the penis," Manning said to much laughter. "She's lost and there's someone like, 'Hey, we can be powerful together.' It's run by that more. She might be being brainwashed, not quite sure."} {People are tending to consume photographs along these lines too and it's because of the sheer number of images that are being made. Something has to be being done with these images.} {There are 16 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) in the Blackdown Hills ranging from the 156-hectare (390-acre) Black Down and Sampford Commons to Reed Farm pit at just less than 1 hectare (2.5 acres). This British conservation designation is administered in England by "Natural England" for areas with significant ecological characteristics

deemed worthy of protection from inappropriate development or from other damage. Of these SSSIs, 79% were deemed by Natural England's predecessor body, English Nature to be being positively managed.} {However, it seems anomalous that 73% of deaths from train injuries were recorded as intentional while only one death from road traffic injury (0.6%) was recorded as intentional. It may also reflect a reluctance to assign suicide as a cause of death without compelling circumstantial evidence. If true, then fatal self-inflicted harm may be being under-reported.} Because the vaccine is relatively new, it may be being given to previously infected individuals. {Effects caused by endocrine disruption are even now likely to be passing unnoticed because only a very small fraction of the many wildlife species on the planet have been investigated. Even in prominent species such as fish, endocrine disruption effects may be being missed.} We were concerned that information may be being miscommunicated. {Pain is an important issue in end of life care. Although musculoskeletal pain is common in older adults, it is rarely associated with the cause of death and may be overlooked as death approaches. Hence a major target for improving quality of life may be being missed.} {The Heard Islands and McDonald Islands are World Heritage Sites for the macaroni penguin. The macaroni penguin may be being impacted by commercial fishing and marine pollution.} The police fear that a cult-involved suicide may be being planned, and they take the girls into protective custody. Liu Shanying, a political scientist at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences who used to work for CCTV, speculated that the showing indicated that Chinese film censorship might be being loosened. The woman may be being held for ransom by pirates. He was promptly included in the scene that just happened to be being filmed. {While being interviewed by Tony Jones on Australia's ABC TV network in September 2013, Suzuki alleged that the Harper government was building prisons even though crime rates were declining in Canada. He suggested that the prisons might be being built so that Stephen Harper could incarcerate environmental activists.} {The aim of the refurbishment is to attract people to the market area when the market is closed, and to bring further investment to the town. However, the project has received criticism; following approval of the proposals in June 2007, concern was raised by Councillor Alisdair Gibbs-Barton, who said that the market place was beginning to resemble a park, and that more trade should be being encouraged.} Many of the links on this site are broken and it does not appear to be being maintained. We have to remain a country that has the Patriot Act, a country that has electronic surveillance to use to find out about these plots that may be being planned. Finally, the complaint *must not be being simultaneously considered* by another international settlement mechanism. This pathway appears to no longer to be being considered. Asquith was increasingly attracted by the thought of making money from writing, with Churchill doing very well from his "The World Crisis" and Lloyd George rumoured to be being paid handsomely for his memoirs (which in the event did not appear until the mid-1930s). The programme no longer seems to be being developed. Currently, the site appears to be being used as a storage/dumping area for inert waste. A study by Monash University found that the temperament testing may not be being applied correctly or properly, casting further doubt on its usefulness, as a quarter of people using it to assess dogs had not been trained to do so. This plan doesn't appear to be being progressed at present. HM Revenue and Customs has been asked to investigate allegations that Scottish exam invigilators could be being paid less than the minimum wage. A row has blown up over plans for a motor racing circuit in Wales, with Silverstone claiming it could be being funded by illegal state aid. A similar public relations offensive appears to be being waged by the American reconstruction team. About \$4 billion is believed to be being withheld. A similar number are reckoned to be being detained without trial. At least two more Americans are believed to be being held by ISIS. The old rules appeared to be being rewritten before our eyes. He is rumoured to be being held at a military barracks near the US embassy. She added that the rules seemed to be being applied inconsistently. Most of those displaced are thought to be being hosted by residents in less insecure areas. Inside, at least 20 concertgoers were believed to be being held hostage by the gunmen. Around 40% of former council flats are thought to be being rented out by private landlords. He is currently believed to be being held at an undisclosed location. He didn't seem to be being followed. The inquest seems to be being conducted with more rigour than usual. But you do also worry how big is that silent minority that seems to be being given a voice suddenly. Twenty of the shelves were assessed to be being melted from below by warm ocean currents. The government appears to be being blown around by events. This is not the first time the company seems to be being run by the board rather than management. A certain amount of fun seems to be being had.

BEACHTE: Nicht jede Phrase nach dem Muster "(to) be + being + past participle" ist ein "progressive infinitive". Man vergleiche:

{During the first two weeks in August, 1941, the SD [= "Sicherheitsdienst"], carried out additional "selections" at the ghetto, choosing who would live and who would die. There were also major actions on August 18 and 19. Mothers, children, the aged and the sick were generally picked to die. In particular there was a massacre of 400 children from an orphanage. The only security appeared to be being selected for work by the Germans, which required a document known as a "Schein" to prove that a person was working for a German military unit.} *In diesem Satz ist "being (selected)" ein (passives) gerund in der Funktion eines Prädikatsnomens (Gleichsetzungsglieds). Gleiches gilt für die folgenden Sätze:*

For treason or theft, the punishment would most probably be being placed in a sack of snakes and thrown into a nearby river or lake. Another problem that students would face would be being distracted by other students or friends that are on their vacation. High social engagement in deviant, delinquent activities such as membership in a criminal organization can be detrimental to one's health, as can be being too involved (having too many social roles), which can lead to stress due to conflicts between roles.

3.2.2. *Darüber hinaus gibt es auch noch den "perfect progressive infinitive passive" = "(to) have been + being + past participle":*

Dem Verständnis **dieser ungewöhnliche Verbform** (die in Grammatiken kaum erwähnt wird) kann man sich vielleicht am besten annähern, wenn man sie mit dem **aktiven Gegenstück** vergleicht:

When I think of my misspent youth as a conspiracist, it's the *spending* part that gets me: all those hours being taught about the Illuminati when I **could have been being taught** about journalism, all those hours when I **could have been learning** about something real.

Hier einige authentische (d.h. nicht extra für Grammatikaufgaben konstruierte) Beispiele für den perfect progressive infinitive passive; bemerkenswert daran ist auch der Umstand, dass das Verb aus 5 (fünf!) Teilen besteht – das ist Rekord in der englischen Sprache!

The US had no authority to conduct searches in Pakistan, so they couldn't search for Bergdahl there, and it turns out that the army still had credible intelligence that Bergdahl might have been being held in Afghanistan. There were suggestions that the refugee camp may have been being used as a base for Houthi fighters. {The matter came up for discussion over the winter in meetings between technical figures, with Red Bull especially eager to ensure that the situation was clear. In response, it is understood Mercedes was willing to impose a 5kg limit on oil use, but such a figure was viewed as above what could have been being used anyway.} The stories must have been being passed down from generation to generation. The package must have been being delivered as I wrote the message. {He will also be bringing some fun for weekend visitors to the 15th Century house Nantclwyd y Dre, with a sound installation there. "It will be based on creaking floorboards," he said. "Every time someone takes a step in there there's this incredible creaking and groaning sounds which must have been being made there for centuries."} The product can't have been being used as it was intended. {In a post shared by more than a thousand people on social media, the pet's owner, Chloe Jade wrote: "Stolen dog!!! 3 lads jumped my fence in Hornbeam Gardens today and stole my son's French bulldog. We have only just moved here from Birmingham so she must have been being watched.} Further, to recover damages for "loss of use" of a vehicle, the vehicle must have been being actually and regularly used before the damage or destruction occurred to it. Around the time his fate must have been being sealed. {Overseas students who have pursued studies at a recognized post-secondary institution on a full-time basis for a course of minimum two years duration are eligible for this program. Additionally, it is also required that the overseas student must have been being employed for at least one year in the skilled job of full-time nature.} {Just came home to find a tow truck loading my neighbours beaten-up Frontera and taking it away. Must have been being used for the last 18 months without paying road tax. Got exactly what he deserves in my opinion.} Property investors are delaying the repair or refurbishment, which costs them more money again in the form of lost rent that could have been being collected in this time. This image believed to have been taken inside the industrial unit – shows a tent where cannabis is understood to have been being grown. Police have arrested a 43-year-old man following a raid on a house in Somerset believed to have been being used as a cannabis factory. {A crash in the "flashing lane" at the historic Appleby Horse Fair in England has left two horses dead, the RSPCA reports. The accident happened on Friday afternoon in the area known as the

flashing lane, where horses are ridden or driven at speed to show them off to potential buyers. "We believe one horse was pulling a sulky whilst the other is thought to have been being ridden," RSPCA chief inspector Rob Melloy said.}

Vorsicht! Nicht alles, was wie ein "perfect progressive infinitive passive" aussieht, ist auch ein solcher:

{It was always heartwarming to see the pictures and to hear the stories about the joy Linda's mom shared with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren! How blessed Mrs. MacCallum must have been being surrounded by her beautiful family. May the love Mrs. MacCallum felt for Linda and her family bring them comfort.} *Mit einem hinzugefügten Beistrich wird die Sache klarer:* How blessed Mrs. MacCallum must have **been, being** surrounded by her beautiful family.

EXKURS: "To be" + "being" + adjective

Die zuvor besprochenen "progressive infinitives" sind nicht zu verwechseln mit "to be" + being + adjective – eine Konstruktion, die einen vorübergehenden Zustand oder eine absichtliche Handlung ausdrückt:

Present tense: Don't listen to those who say you are being selfish not to have children. {"Do you think I killed him – took his head off with a sword?" – "You're being ridiculous."} Children with autism can't tell when a person is joking or being sarcastic. I suspect he is just being nice. {"Aren't you being catty [= gehässig], darling?" – "Yes, and I'm liking it."} You're being dreadfully embarrassing. Oh, come on, really, you're being hysterical. If I'm being completely honest, it was a long conversation with my fiancée and I talking about the pros and cons of a wedding. {We can read all the books and go to all the classes, but in the end it comes down to one question: Are we being the adults we want our children to grow up to be?} {Joey pulled away. "Don't make fun. I'm being serious."}

Past tense: Edith felt he was being unreasonable. I found myself moaning and complaining about how stupid I was being. He was being untypically modest in that statement about his own capabilities. Clearly, she was being deliberately unhelpful. {"I felt I had to buy something," she said. "They were being so nice to me."} I thought the people were being unfriendly because I was English. I vomited shortly after we took off, and all around me the other "rookies" were being sick, too. I prophesied that within six months those very people who were being so unstable at the moment would prove themselves as capable as anyone of facing an emergency when the time came. {During dinner, someone mentioned the unusual hailstorms that had pelted Beirut the previous two nights. Everyone offered their explanations for this extreme weather event, before Malcolm, tongue in cheek, asked his guests, "Do you think the Syrians did it?" – Malcolm – a charming man and brilliant scholar – was being both humorous and profound. He was poking fun at the Lebanese tendency to explain everything as a conspiracy, and, in particular, a conspiracy perpetrated by Syria, which is why we all laughed.}

Present perfect tense: I have been being a bit bolder with lipstick recently. Aubrey's stupid boyfriend has been being so mean to her lately! He says his family has been being careful about what they spend their money on. When they do not get enough exercise it can cause them to behave abnormally and that could be the reason why your husky has been being obsessed with you. They have been being unreasonable with me. He's been being impatient this whole time.

Past perfect tense: Clinton issued a statement over the remark on Saturday, in which she repeated that she had been being "grossly generalistic" but said she had been wrong to say a "half". {Everyone had been being impatient with her lately. Why couldn't they just leave her alone?} 85% of patients reported that they had been being careful in taking their medications. She felt bad for snapping at him, but he had been being reckless. I, of course, remembered my accident – I had been being careless while biking, pulled in front of a car ... boom. I guess she thought I had been being lazy or something.

Future tense: We understand that people may be feeling anxious and isolated, so we will be being careful about the nature of the scenes we play. So, instead of working out (which I'd really like to be doing), I will be being lazy and getting lots of rest. {He will be being nice to you because he knows you want to leave and he will do just enough to kick you back into your box. Don't let him.}

Future perfect tense: That looks horrendous, especially despite the fact that many people will have been being careful and following rules.

Conditional (present): You could call that reasoning, but you would be being generous. Mr. Lombardo of HBO said that while his network did not look solely at ratings to gauge the success of a series, "I would be being dishonest if I said you don't always hope that a show finds more viewers". If I described the challenge as reckless I would be being kind.

Conditional (perfect): If you had asked me a month ago how this schedule would play out, I would have been being optimistic if I said I saw a win against Green Bay this upcoming Sunday.

Vorsicht! Die Konstruktion "to be" + "being" + adjective kann auch einen anderen Sinn haben:

A favorite moment, he said, has been being able to sit down in the restaurant and see all that he's created. *Das "being" in diesem Satz ist nicht Bestandteil einer tense, sondern ein gerund, welches als Prädikatsnomen (= Gleichsetzungsglied) dient.*

Ebenso: Mary Krueger said another part of her healing process has been being able to stay involved with the university. One of the joys of normal life returning has been being able to say "why not" after finding a cheap travel deal. "Personally," she said, "I thought his best performance in the past year has been being OK with all of his wife's boyfriends." After the shoot was complete, I had lots of photos and videos on my phone, so the hardest part has been being careful when showing friends or family anything in my photo library. The key to all of our travels has been being careful and cautious, not just for ourselves but for those around us. The worst thing for me, though, has been being obsessed with the idea that I will be too old. My weakness has been being impatient at certain times. I always thought my biggest failure had been being overconfident. The main reason behind these illnesses will be being careless about health. The hardest part of your job will be being nice to stupid people. The hardest thing for her daughter, she says, will be "being patient with herself" about getting well. Being married would be being trapped.

Diese Konstruktion gibt es auch mit Infinitiven: infinitive + being + adjective:

Present infinitive: They could be being sarcastic. I accept I may be being unreasonable. Alternatively, he may be being accurate. I may be being presumptuous, but I bet this never happens with anorexia or heart disease. She may be being diplomatic when she says that the gowns were too fragile. I may be being terribly British, but I'd rather be carted off to debtor's prison than face the embarrassment of asking people I don't know for money. He may be being ironic, but it's difficult to tell with drama queens. Wolff may be being hyperbolic, but no one in the crowd is going to disagree. If you think you may be being oversensitive, it never hurts to err on the side of caution. It didn't even cross my mind that I might be being somewhat disloyal to my own country until much later. When he gave a speech recently saying Britain was "in the economic equivalent of war", I said he might be being a bit "hyperbolic". She goes on to say that she was worried that she might be being "disloyal to my child". I might be being a little optimistic, but I can dream, can't I? "I might be being a bit harsh on the players, because we scored so many points, but I think players know themselves we were below our standards. He's clearly very shrewd, but he never seems to be being shrewd. When he appears to be being himself, isn't that a role too? You need to be being verbally abusive, or really blocking lots of people, or lying down on the sidewalk.

Perfect infinitive: And while the mayor may have been being coy, the aim of the challenge was anything but subtle, geared as it was for maximum news media coverage. She may have been being polite. I think we might have been being a bit ambitious, to be honest. Stuart said he liked having James around for the "crackle of open hostility", but he may have been being sarcastic. They could have been being rude about me or they could have been saying they were in love with me, but to me they may as well have been speaking Chinese. {We don't know Rudd's tone when talking to these fans. He very well could have been being sarcastic and then felt the need to backtrack when the fans didn't pick up on his tone.} But like many overweight women, she may have been being restrained in public precisely because she was afraid of people judging her.

Vorsicht! Die Kombination "infinitive + being + adjective" kann auch einen anderen Sinn haben:

Many seamen in Kenya insist that Mr. Mwangura is a good man, and that his only fault may have been being

outsoken. {"I was the one in the family who was saying I wanted to do something else," she explained. "Mostly because I felt a bit silly saying that I wanted to be an actress before I actually was an actress – or it might have been being scared of failure."} I understand how difficult it must have been being alone and sick. *In diesen Sätzen ist "being" kein Bestandteil einer tense, sondern ein gerund, welches als Prädikatsnomen (= Gleichsetzungsglied) dient.*

4. The subject of the passive sentence

Im Deutschen kann nur das direkte Objekt (Akkusativobjekt) eines Aktivsatzes zum Subjekt eines Passivsatzes werden: Sie erzählten mir eine andere Geschichte ⇨ Mir wurde eine andere Geschichte erzählt. Nicht möglich im Deutschen ist "Ich wurde eine andere Geschichte erzählt". Im Englischen ist das anders, da kann auch das indirekte Objekt (Dativobjekt) zum Subjekt eines Passivsatzes werden: They told me another story. ⇨ I was told another story / Another story was told to me. The children gave the dog a new name ⇨ The dog was given a new name (by the children) / A new name was given to the dog (by the children).

Dabei gibt es verschiedene Klassen von Verben, die es zu unterscheiden gilt:

4.1. Verbs with two objects (ditransitive verbs)

4.1.1. *Es gibt eine Reihe von Verben, die zwei Objekte haben können – ein direktes (= Akkusativ) und ein indirektes (= Dativ), z.B.:*

accord, administer (first aid), afford [= gewähren], allocate, allot, allow, ask, assign, assure, award, begrudge, bequeath, bid, bring, build, buy, cause, cook, deal, delegate, deliver, deny, do (a favour), fetch, feed, find, flash (a smile), forbid, get, give, grant, hand, hire, impart, indicate, issue, keep (company), leave, lend, mail, make, offer, owe, pass, pay, play (music / a trick), post, pour, predict, prescribe, present, proffer, promise, provide, quote (a price), read, recommend, refuse, render, rent, return (a favour), save (the trouble), sell, send, serve, set, shoot (a glance), show, sing, slip, spare, take ["bringen"], teach, tell, throw, vouchsafe.

Diese Verben können – analog zum Deutschen – mit der Wortstellung "O3 + O4" gebildet werden, also z.B.: She gave the waiter a tip. Ebenso möglich ist die Wortstellung "O4 + O3", wobei vor dem O3 die Präposition "to" zu stehen kommt: She gave a tip to the waiter. (Andere Präpositionen sind seltener.)

In solchen Fällen sind (in der Regel) zwei Passivsätze möglich – je nachdem, ob das direkte oder das indirekte Objekt zum Subjekt des Passivsatzes wird. (Letzterer Fall ist der häufigere.)

4.1.1.1. Indirect object ⇨ subject of the passive sentence

Dies ist der häufigere Fall – in der Regel wird das indirekte Objekt als Subjekt des Passivsatzes gewählt:

They have never been accorded scope or opportunity for the full expression of their natural gift. (Harold Nicolson) Unlike so many, however, she was afforded a second chance. He has not been allowed another visit. When I was awarded my honorary doctorate last year I was impressed by the warm atmosphere and intellectual drive of the Department of Literature, Film, and Theatre Studies. Then we were brought frozen sake – thick, cloudy, utterly delicious. These children are denied an education. Foreign reporters are routinely denied visas to the country. The public has been fed images of a flood of unwelcome asylum seekers. Could he be found a job there? He said he was fitted a neck brace, and could not turn his head for a month. In one study viewers who were flashed a smile – even though it was shown too quickly for them to even realize they had seen it – perceived the things around them more positively. Obviously patients weren't being given proper treatment with such overcrowding. Then he was handed a bowl of hot soup. They were issued British uniforms. From the very first day we had been kept company by the rats. I have been left four hundred thousand dollars! They were lent a truck by a kindly neighbor. They were let money at 10% interest. I was made a cup of tea and made to feel very welcome. She was then

offered another job. The company claims it is owed some \$800m by the Kremlin. I was played a song and fell in love with it. Each player was poured a glass of champagne. Were you prescribed the wrong medication? The group also set up a Web site on which people were presented a series of choices about what to cut from the budget. Residents are provided hot meals and clean bedrooms. I was quoted \$38 for a single room with bath. I was read the stories when I was little and I grew up with Paddington. You are not recommended to eat soft cheeses when you are pregnant. He was refused permission to make the film. Once he was sent a bottle of champagne from his friends. The pupils are set a similar quiz every year. "Growing up, I kind of was set an example by my grandma," she said. The pupils were sent some work to do on the computer I've been shown the place where he was buried. Europe would have been spared violence, anarchy and misery if the Roman Empire could have survived. Essentially we were submitted a stack of resumes, applications and job positions. In this way, I was taught another finer point of college culture: It is easier to wake the dead than a college student on the weekend. Are we being told the truth?

4.1.1.2. Direct object ⇔ subject of the passive sentence

In diesem Fall wird das indirekte Objekt meistens mit "to" verbunden:

The desk in the corner had been assigned to me. Although the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians has been attributed to St. Paul, it is more likely the work of one of his disciples. Custody was awarded to his biological parents in 1979. The same privileges were conceded to the United States. A nice dinner was cooked for me. His last wish was denied to him. Weak tea and porridge were fed to him. The map had been given to him by the American soldiers. I told them the evidence that had been granted to me. The petition will be handed to universities minister Jo Johnson, so the more signatures the better. New uniforms were issued to the soldiers. The money was left to her by her grandfather. The suit had been lent to him for the funeral. Heroin was prescribed to addicts on the NHS. A few sandwiches were made for the guests. Some had been sold to collectors. The house had been offered to us for £60,000. The families' huge debts are now owed to relatives, friends and neighbours. When this wine was poured to me, I knew about this winery, but not about the wine itself. Josephine was recommended to them as a maid and they took her on. An extra room had been reserved for the children. The documents were refused to us on the basis of confidentiality. Everything is shown to the people in this false light. One or two hymns had been taught to the boys and committed to memory. The description at the end of the article about the boy's return to his parents, who had feared that he was dead, was told to the writer by Madou Traoré as his own experience. Is he the man to whom these letters were written?

Manche Sätze bedürfen näherer Betrachtung:

They had to exist on the rations allowed to them. *Hier könnte man sich die Frage stellen, wo da eigentlich der Passivsatz ist? Tatsächlich handelt es sich um einen verkürzten Passivsatz: "... the rations which/that were allowed to them", und das (unterdrückte) Relativpronomen "which/that" ist das Subjekt dieses (verkürzten) Relativsatzes.*

Ein weiteres Beispiel: What he likes most about Africa is the respect and affection shown for old people. Auch hier haben wir einen verkürzten Relativsatz (mit "which/that" als Subjekt): "... the respect and affection which/that are shown for old people."

Dass das indirekte Objekt mit "to" (oder evtl. auch einer anderen Präposition) angeschlossen wird, ist keine unumstößliche Regel – manchmal entfällt die Präposition auch. (Dass dieser Option in den folgenden Beispielen mehr Raum gegeben wird als der Grundregel weiter oben liegt nicht daran, dass sie so oft vorkommt, sondern daran, dass sie manchem Leser ungewöhnlich erscheinen mag.)

Looking back now, I can really appreciate the opportunity that was afforded me [= gewähren] at a nascent stage in my education. She gave Mr. Norbury a fervent kiss, as though in gratitude for the opportunity afforded her. (Saki) They occupied the positions allotted them by their master. While I was eating dinner, several sly questions were asked me. (Benjamin Franklin) Every fighting man shall be prepared to undertake any task assigned him, however hazardous. (Evelyn Waugh) Everyone must defend the position assigned him. (William James) The compensation was awarded my father by a duly constituted authority of the United States Government. More food was brought them. (Evelyn Waugh) This afternoon a good lunch was brought me. (Conan Doyle) I told them that the animal must be found and brought me in the morning. Breakfast was brought him at the office table. We are sorry that so much trouble has been caused you. The senior officers went below to seek the repose which had been denied them on their voyage. (Evelyn Waugh) At least now she is getting the treatment that was denied her.

His right to sit in the House of Commons was denied him. The choice [= abortion] must be made by the mother, not denied her by the state. That pleasure was denied us. The one luxury denied him was the illusion of immortality. Such favours were denied other people. His next assignment gave him the opportunity that was denied him when he was kept in the United States. Every opportunity to distinguish themselves is denied them. He was nominated twice for the medal of honour, but it was denied him both times. It was a courtesy that had been denied us for many years. The women are on your side; and they will see that justice is done you. (G. B. Shaw) The house was forbidden him, but when he tapped at the window Ettie came out to him. (Conan Doyle) Lots of things were forbidden them. They did not believe in taking the life of any creature, so the taking of life was forbidden them. The knife and fork were a present from Aunt Glosspan, given him when he was six years old. (R. Dahl) Your address had been given me. (Conan Doyle) Then Sherlock Holmes hailed a cab and ordered the driver to take us to the address given us by Lestrade. (Conan Doyle) This was the report which was given us by Mr Bennett himself. (Conan Doyle) Another time a beautiful shell was given me. (Helen Keller) The desired information was given her by a young gentleman in spotless white flannels. (Saki) He hadn't ever had to work for anything he wanted; it had all been given him. These basic principles are given us, once for all. The best definition of genius was given me by a philosopher. He hadn't even had to work for anything, it had all been given him. This letter will be given you shortly after I am gone. They believe that the Holy Land was given the Jews by God. If he asked for something it had to be given him. In the light of the instructions given me on 6 August I had to presume that they wanted to continue the fight. The name was given him by his friends. In my brother's house every care was given me. This note will be given you shortly after I am gone. The aid given them is insufficient. They will not be wasteful of what is given them. They make use of every drop of water given them. If the choice were given me I would much rather stay up here on the solid earth, in the air and sunshine. They had 42 cattle given them by the state to stock their little farm. The cynic says language was given man for the concealment of his thoughts. Honours and privileges were granted him. The documents were handed me by the various people concerned. (A. Christie) Your letter was handed me last night. The baggage tag issued us in London bore the wrong flight number. Laurence had lived for a few years on a small sum of money left him by his mother. (Saki) The book was lent me by my friend. The boy smoked a cigarette and took a glass of beer which was offered him. He wanted to get back the money that was owed him. Milverton will send the letter to the Earl unless a large sum of money is paid him. (Conan Doyle) This side of the question has had far too much attention paid it. (Conan Doyle) The fees paid lawyers of this calibre are naturally very large. He spoke to me with some bitterness of the manner in which he was grudging the small salary paid him for the heavy work of editing the journal. He was self-conscious about a slight scar on his nose – an old baseball injury – but that didn't diminish the attention paid him by girls at Swift Creek High School. Everything our hearts could desire is promised us by politicians. He could not act decisively until the reinforcements promised him arrived. The money that was promised me for the job never came. The greatest service which can be rendered any country is to add a useful plant to its culture. (Thomas Jefferson) He had his clothes sent him by his wife. The following story was sent me by them. The task set him would be difficult. We could do no better than follow the excellent example set us. The two first specimen that were shown him he hastily rejected. (Saki) He is made to feel that every courtesy is being shown him. As our German improved, so did the respect shown us by the community. Most of the really great lessons I have learned have been taught me by the Poor. (Saki) Have we forgotten the lessons taught us by Hitler's Holocaust? There is one experience taught me then which is of use to me today. Everyone should know the answers because they were taught them at school. The little which I had yet to learn of the case was told me by Sherlock Holmes as we travelled back on the next day. (C. Doyle) It is a fearsome beast, and I can realise what was told me by a lover of animals that the snake was the one creature from which he could get no return of affection. (Conan Doyle) This story was told me by my father. (G. Greene) It was told me on very high authority. And when it was told me that the Jews lay in wait for the man, I sent him immediately to you, and also commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him. (Acts 23, 30) They will believe anything that is told them. The gentle night air gave promise that this [wish], too, would be vouchsafed him. (Evelyn Waugh)

Für ein entfallendes "to" gibt es keine Regeln – im folgenden Satz fällt es zuerst aus, dann taucht es wieder auf: The crown that had been denied him was now awarded to him.

EXKURS – Objects in active clauses

Ein entfallendes "to" bei "O4 + O3" kommt übrigens auch in Aktivsätzen vor (falls beide Objekte Pronomen sind):

"Give it me," he said, "quick!" (G. Greene) "No," he cried, "you won't give it me, you proud prelate." (C. K. Chesterton) They were not the kind of help I needed, nor was the chaplain the man to give it me. (G. Greene) He gave it me and rushed out. And suppose we give them you or Miss O'Shaughnessy? I got out my water bottle and gave it him to drink. I promised it four days ago and I simply must give it him this evening. How can I give it her before the baby is born? {Desdemona: He found it then; I never gave it him: send for him hither; Let him confess a truth.} (Shakespeare) One of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he filled with vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. (Matthew 27, 48) He later told us that the mascot belonged to his little girl, who had given it him before he sailed for France.

They grudge it me, they think I ought to get a job. (G. Greene)

I like films that mess you up a bit rather than hand it you on a plate.

Did someone lend it you? {Alarm bells would have rung for me when the amount she said she needed was \$30. It costs nowhere near that to keep a family of four fed for 24 hours, so I very much doubt I'd have lent it her in the first place.}

{During the meal Jesus told his disciples that his death was imminent and predicted that he would be betrayed by one of his disciples and disowned by another. He then broke some bread, blessed it and offered it them, saying "Take it and eat. This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."} We can't have our family/friends becoming ill by it if we offered it them without trying it first.

I can't show it you myself. (L. Carroll) The Spirit of God showed it me in ineffable [= unaussprechlich] love. (William James) A lot of the time people don't know what they want until you show it them. (Steve Jobs) He collected lots of little things and showed us them all until it was time to leave. I'll show it you if you want.

He told it me before he died. (G. Greene) I'll tell it you from the beginning. (Conan Doyle) {That reminds me of the story of Henri Deplis. Have I ever told it you?} (Saki)

Und weil wir gerade bei ungewöhnlichen Wendungen sind – in Aktivsätzen ist die Reihenfolge O3 + O4 (d.h. indirektes Objekt vor dem direkten Objekt) auch dann möglich, wenn das direkte Objekt ein Pronomen ist; freilich kommen solche Sätze nur selten vor:

I live in a permanent Christmas because God gave me you. (R. Reagan to his wife) I can give you it at once. (Conan Doyle) I don't know why they gave us it. Will you give us them?

You can "forgive" the debt – forgiveness means he doesn't owe you it any more.

I had a computer failure and lost the software – can you send me it again?

I told her I couldn't show her it myself. I wish you were here to show me him. I have a ticket, but I won't show her it. You'll have to show me them.

Tell me it once more.

4.1.2. Verben, die das Dativobjekt IMMER mit "to" anschließen

Neben der unter 4.1.1. genannten Gruppe von ditransitiven Verben gibt es eine weitere Gruppe von ditransitiven Verben, welche das indirekte Objekt (= Dativobjekt) IMMER mit "to" anschließen müssen: "O4 + "to" + O3". (Andere Präpositionen sind seltener.) Englische Verben mit zwei Objekten funktionieren also nicht alle analog zum Deutschen (so wie 4.1.1.), sodass sich bisweilen grammatikalische Germanismen ergeben:

FALSCH ist: "I could not **acknowledge** the world the paternity." Richtig ist: I could not acknowledge the paternity to the world. (Conan Doyle). Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The paternity could not be acknowledged to the world. Ein Passivsatz mit "the world" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "The world could not be acknowledged the paternity."

FALSCH ist: "I **added** my CV a photo." Richtig ist: I added a photo to my CV. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: A photo was added to my CV. Ein Passivsatz mit "my CV" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "My CV was added a photo." (Möglich ist allerdings: My CV had a photo added to it.)

FALSCH ist: "Mrs Black **addressed** her son the letter." Richtig ist: Mrs Black addressed the letter to her son. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The letter was addressed to Mrs Black's son. Ein Passivsatz mit "Mrs Black's son" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "Mrs Black's son was addressed the letter."

FALSCH ist: "She **admitted** her teacher her mistake." Richtig ist: She admitted her mistake to her teacher. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Her mistake was admitted to her teacher. Ein Passivsatz mit "her teacher" als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also "Her teacher was admitted her mistake".

FALSCH ist: "She **announced** her parents her engagement." Richtig ist: She announced her engagement to her parents. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Her engagement was announced to her parents. Ein Passivsatz mit "her parents" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also "Her parents were announced her engagement." (Möglich ist allerdings: Her parents had her engagement announced to them.)

FALSCH ist: "The doctor **ascribed** heart failure her death." Richtig ist: The doctor ascribed her death to heart failure." Im Passiv ist nur möglich: Her death was ascribed to heart failure. Ein Passivsatz mit "heart failure" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig.

FALSCH ist: "Some people **attach** weight problems no importance." Richtig ist: Some people attach no importance to weight problems. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: No importance is attached to weight problems. Ein Passivsatz mit "weight problems" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "Weight problems are attached no importance (to)."

FALSCH ist: "He **attributes** hard work his success." Richtig ist: He attributes his success to hard work. Im Passiv ist nur möglich: His success is attributed to hard work. Ein Passivsatz mit "hard work" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig.

Zu beachten ist das Verb "to **bear**": Im Aktivsatz sind sowohl "O3 + O4" also auch "O4 + O3" möglich: His wife bore him five children. / His wife bore five children to him. Im Passivsatz ist aber nur "children" als Subjekt möglich: Five children were born to him (by his wife). Ein Passivsatz mit "he" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "He was born five children by his wife."

Ähnliches gilt auch für "to bear" im übertragenen Sinn: Als Aktivsätze in Ordnung sind: Even his enemies bear him grudging respect. / Even his enemies bear grudging respect to him. Passivsätze sind hier allerdings überhaupt nicht möglich: "Grudging respect is borne to him even by his enemies" ist nicht idiomatisch, und "He is borne grudging respect (to) even by his enemies" ist grammatikalisch nicht zulässig.

FALSCH ist: "The police didn't **believe** him his story." Richtig sind sowohl "The police didn't believe him" als auch "The police didn't believe his story" – man darf aber die beiden Objekte nicht kombinieren. FALSCH ist daher im Passiv "He was not believed his story [by the police]". Richtig sind: "His story was not believed [by the police]" und "He was not believed [by the police]". Im Deutschen kann ein Passivsatz dagegen beide Objekte (des Aktivsatzes) beinhalten: Seine Geschichte wurde ihm von der Polizei nicht geglaubt.

FALSCH ist: "Until this morning I have never **breathed** my wife one word upon this matter." Richtig ist: Until this morning I have never breathed one word to my wife upon this matter. (Conan Doyle) Korrekt im Passiv ist: Not a word has been breathed to my wife upon this matter. Ein Passivsatz mit "my wife" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "My wife has never been breathed a word upon this matter."

Zu beachten ist das Verb "to **cause**": Im Aktivsatz sind sowohl "O3 + O4" also auch "O4 + O3" möglich: The separation caused me more pain than anything else. / The separation caused more pain to me than anything else. Im Passivsatz ist aber nur "pain" als Subjekt möglich: A lot of pain was caused to me by the separation. Ein Passivsatz mit "I" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "I was caused a lot of pain by the separation."

FALSCH ist: "They **committed** Inspector Gregory the case." Richtig ist: They committed the case to Inspector Gregory. Korrekt im Passiv ist: The case was committed to Inspector Gregory. Ein Passivsatz mit "Inspector Gregory" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: Inspector Gregory was committed the case. (Möglich ist allerdings: Inspector Gregory had the case committed to him.)

FALSCH ist: "He **communicated** his partners his intention to quit." Richtig ist: He communicated his intention to quit to his partners. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: His intention to quit was communicated to his partners. Ein Passivsatz mit "his partners" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "His partners were communicated his intention to quit." (Möglich ist allerdings: His partners had his intention to quit communicated to them.)

FALSCH ist: "They **concealed** us their real intentions." Richtig ist: They concealed their real intentions from us. Korrekt im Passiv ist: Their real intentions were concealed from us. Ein Passivsatz mit "we" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "We were concealed their real intentions."

FALSCH ist: "She **confessed** the priest her sins." Richtig ist: She confessed her sins to the priest. Falsch ist daher im Passiv: "The priest was confessed her sins." Möglich ist nur: "Her sins were confessed to the priest". Ein Passivsatz mit "the priest" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "The priest was confessed her sins."

FALSCH ist: "Swedish Academy member Per Wastberg **confirmed** The Associated Press the date on Friday." Richtig ist: Swedish Academy member Per Wastberg confirmed the date to The Associated Press on Friday. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The date was confirmed to The Associated Press on Friday. Ein Passivsatz mit "The Associated Press" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "The Associated Press was confirmed the date on Friday."

FALSCH ist: "She **confided** only her best friend the affair." Richtig ist nur: She confided the affair only to her best friend. FALSCH ist daher im Passiv: "Only her best friend was confided the affair". Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The affair was confided only to her best friend." Ein Passivsatz mit "her best friend" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre: "Only her best friend was confided the affair. Eine Analogie zum Verb "to tell" ist nicht möglich (= Her best friend was told the affair).

Eine weitere Möglichkeit ist die Präposition "in": I had gone so far as to confide the problem in my father.

FALSCH ist: "Someone had **conveyed** the conference organisers our complaint." Richtig ist: Someone had conveyed our complaint to the conference organisers. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Our complaint had been conveyed to the conference organisers. FALSCH im Passiv wäre: "The conference organisers had been conveyed our complaint (to)."

FALSCH ist: "The minister **declared** the parliamentary authorities his payments." Richtig ist: "The minister declared his payments to the parliamentary authorities." Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The minister's payments were declared to the parliamentary authorities. Ein Passivsatz mit "the parliamentary authorities" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher: "The parliamentary authorities were declared the minister's payments."

FALSCH ist: "He **dedicated** the medal his parents." Richtig ist: He dedicated the medal to his parents. Korrekt im Passiv ist: His medal was dedicated to his parents. Ein Passivsatz mit "his parents" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "His parents were dedicated the medal."

FALSCH ist: "A firm of London druggists had **delivered** him the poison." Richtig ist: A firm of London druggists had delivered the poison to him. Möglich im Passiv ist nur: The poison was delivered to him by a firm of London druggists. Ein Passivsatz mit "he" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher im Passiv: "He was delivered

the poison by a firm of London druggists.” (Möglich ist allerdings: He had the poison delivered to him by a firm of London druggists.)

FALSCH ist: “They **demonstrated** Jack the plan”. Richtig ist: They demonstrated the plan to Jack. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The plan was demonstrated to Jack. Ein Passivsatz mit “Jack” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher im Passiv: “Jack was demonstrated the plan”. (Möglich ist allerdings: Jack had the plan demonstrated to him.)

FALSCH ist: “They **described** us the way to the beach”. Richtig ist: They described the way to the beach to us. Im Passiv korrekt ist nur: “The way to the beach was described to us”. Ein Passivsatz mit “we” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “We were described the way to the beach.” (Möglich ist allerdings: We had the way to the beach described to us.)

FALSCH ist: “She **devoted** her horse all her free time.” Richtig ist: She devoted all her free time to her horse. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: All her free time was devoted to her horse. Ein Passivsatz mit “her horse” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “Her horse was devoted all her free time (to).”

FALSCH ist: “Roosevelt **dictated** his secretary the speech just three hours after learning of the attacks [on Pearl Harbor]. Richtig ist: Roosevelt dictated the speech to his secretary just three hours after learning of the attacks [on Pearl Harbor]. Möglich im Passiv ist nur: Roosevelt’s speech was dictated to his secretary ... Ein Passivsatz mit “Roosevelt’s secretary” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “Roosevelt’s secretary was dictated the speech (to)...” (Möglich ist allerdings: Roosevelt’s secretary had the speech dictated to her.)

FALSCH ist: “He refused to **disclose** us any details.” Richtig ist: He refused to disclose any details to us.” Korrekt im Passiv ist: No details were disclosed to us. Ein Passivsatz mit “we” als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also: “We weren’t disclosed any details (to).” (Möglich ist allerdings: We didn’t have any details disclosed to us.)

FALSCH ist: “Santa Claus **distributed** the children some sweets.” Richtig ist: Santa Claus distributed some sweets to the children. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Some sweets were distribute to the children by Santa Claus. Ein Passivsatz mit “the children” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “The children were distributed some sweets by Santa Claus.” (Möglich ist allerdings: The children had some sweet distributed to them by Santa Claus.)

FALSCH ist: “The Rockefellers **donated** the museum the painting in 1955.” Richtig ist: The Rockefellers donated the painting to the museum in 1955. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The painting was donated to the museum. Ein Passivsatz mit “the museum” als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH ist daher im Passiv: “The museum was donated the painting (to)”. (Möglich ist allerdings: The museum had the painted donated to it in 1955.)

Zu beachten ist das Verb “to **entrust**”: FALSCH ist “Gina entrusted the maid her children.” Richtig ist: Gina entrusted the maid with her children. FALSCH ist daher im Passiv: “The maid was entrusted Gina’s children.” Richtig ist nur: The maid was entrusted with Gina’s children. Daneben auch: Gina’s children were entrusted to the maid. (Möglich ist darüber hinaus auch: The maid had Gina’s children entrusted to her.)

FALSCH ist: “I shall **enumerate** you the facts.” Richtig ist: I shall enumerate the facts to you. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The facts shall be enumerated to you. Ein Passivsatz mit “you” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “You will be enumerated the facts.” (Möglich ist allerdings: You’ll have the facts enumerated to you.)

Ein Sonderfall ist das Verb “to **envy**”: Man kann sagen “All the women envied me my husband“ (= “Alle Frauen neideten mir meinen Ehemann“), aber NICHT: “All the women envied my husband to me.“ Korrekt im Passiv ist: I was envied (for) my husband by all the women. Ein Passivsatz mit “my husband” als Subjekt ist zwar möglich, hat aber einen anderen Sinn: “My husband was envied ...” bedeutet, dass mein Ehemann um etwas beneidet wird.

FALSCH ist: “Our friends **explained** us the rules of American football.” Richtig ist: Our friends explained the rules of American football to us. Im Passiv korrekt ist nur: The rules of American football were explained to us. Ein Passivsatz mit “we” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “We were explained the rules of American football.” (Möglich ist allerdings: We had the rules of American football explained to us.)

FALSCH ist: "He **exposed** his body the cold air." ("Er setzte seinen Körper der kalten Luft aus"). Richtig ist: He exposed his body to the cold air. Im Passiv korrekt ist nur: "His body was exposed to the cold air". Ein Passivsatz mit "the cold air" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig.

FALSCH ist: "John **expressed** his father-in-law his sincere gratitude." Richtig ist: John expressed his sincere gratitude to his father-in-law. Grammatikalisch korrekt (wenn auch nicht sehr idiomatisch) ist im Passiv: John's sincere gratitude was expressed to his father-in-law. Ein Passivsatz mit "father-in-law" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "His father-in-law was expressed John's sincere gratitude."

FALSCH ist: "He **foretold** his friends another disaster." Richtig ist: He foretold another disaster to his friends. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Another disaster was foretold to his friends by him. Ein Passivsatz mit "his friends" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig ist – FALSCH wäre also: "His friends were foretold another disaster by him." (Möglich ist eventuell: His friends had another disaster foretold by him.)

Beachtenswert ist das Verb "to **grill**": Als Aktivsätze sind möglich: The women grilled us freshly caught fish / The women grilled freshly caught fish for us. Im Passiv ist nur möglich: Freshly caught fish was grilled (for us) by the women. Ein Passivsatz mit "we" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "We were grilled freshly caught fish by the women."

FALSCH ist: "I recall a time when the girls **hid** me my clothes." Richtig ist: I recall a time when the girls hid my clothes from me. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: My clothes were hidden from me. Ein Passivsatz mit "I" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher: "I was hidden my clothes by the girls." (Möglich ist allerdings: I had my clothes hidden by the girls.)

FALSCH ist: "Maisie **held** Thomas the letter **out** again, and this time he took it." Richtig ist: Maisie held the letter out to Thomas again, and this time he took it. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The letter was held out to Thomas. Ein Passivsatz mit "Thomas" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher: "Thomas was held out the letter (to)."

FALSCH ist: "A local guide **indicated** us the quickest route." Richtig ist: A local guide indicated the quickest route to us. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The quickest route was indicated to us by a local guide. Ein Passivsatz mit "we" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "We were indicated the quickest route by a local guide." (Möglich ist allerdings: We had the quickest route indicated to us by a local guide.)

FALSCH ist: "He **insinuated** [= "andeuten"] us another possible solution." Richtig ist: He insinuated another possible solution to us. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Another possible solution was insinuated (to us). Ein Passivsatz mit "we" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "We were insinuated another possible solution."

FALSCH ist: "Then Jack **introduced** his friend his wife." Richtig ist: Then Jack introduced his wife to his friend. Richtig im Passiv ist nur: Then Jack's wife was introduced to his friend. Ein Passivsatz mit "Jack's friend" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH ist daher im Passiv: "Then Jack's friend was introduced Jack's wife." (Möglich ist allerdings: Jack's friend had Jack's wife introduced to him.)

Man beachte die Phrase "to **keep somebody company**": Korrekt sind diese beiden Aktivsätze: Only a dog kept me company. / Only a dog kept company with me. Ein korrekter Passivsatz ist nur: I was kept company only by a dog. Ein Passivsatz mit "company" als Subjekt ist aber nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre "Company was kept (with) me only by a dog."

FALSCH ist: "A whistleblower **leaked** the press the deal." Richtig ist: A whistleblower leaked the deal to the press. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The deal was leaked to the press (by a whistleblower). Ein Passivsatz mit "the press" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "The press were leaked the deal (by a whistleblower)."

FALSCH ist: "He **made** his wife the situation **clear**." Richtig ist: He made the situation clear to his wife. Im Passiv ist nur möglich: The situation was made clear to his wife. Ein Passivsatz mit "his wife" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "His wife was made the situation clear." (Möglich ist allerdings: His wife had the situation made clear to her.)

FALSCH ist: "He **made** his wife her life **a misery**." Richtig ist: He made her life a misery to his wife. Korrekt im Passiv ist: His wife's life was made a misery to her by him." Ein Passivsatz mit "his wife" als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also: "His wife was made her life a misery by him." (Möglich ist allerdings: His wife had her life made a misery by her husband.)

FALSCH ist: "He **mentioned** his wife the purchase." Richtig ist: "He mentioned the purchase to his wife." Richtig im Passiv ist nur: The purchase was mentioned to his wife. Ein Passivsatz mit "his wife" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH ist daher: "His wife was mentioned the purchase." (Möglich ist allerdings: His wife had the purchase mentioned to her.)

FALSCH ist: "He had flight training and **obtained** (= sich verschaffen) himself a pilot's license." Richtig ist: He had flight training and obtained a pilot's license for himself. Im Passiv ist nur möglich: "A flight license was obtained by him." Ein Passivsatz mit "he" oder gar "himself" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig.

FALSCH ist: "Then she **opened** him her heart." Richtig ist: Then she opened her heart to him. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Then her heart was opened to him. Ein Passivsatz mit "he" als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also "He was opened her heart (by her)."

FALSCH ist: "The prime minister **outlined** Barack Obama the plan over dinner in the White House on Thursday." Richtig ist: The prime minister outlined the plan to Barack Obama over dinner in the White House on Thursday. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The plan was outlined to Barack Obama over dinner in the White House on Thursday. Ein Passivsatz mit "Barack Obama" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "Barack Obama was outlined the plan over dinner in the White House on Thursday." (Möglich ist allerdings: Barack Obama had the plan outlined to him by the prime minister over dinner in the White House on Thursday.)

Beachtenswert ist die Phrase "to **play a trick**": In erster Linie kennt man "to play a trick on sy": His mind had played a trick on him, he said. Möglich ist jedoch auch "to play sy a trick": Why should he play me such an insane trick? (G. K. Chesterton) He will end by playing you some dirty trick. (Paul Watzlawick) The closer we came the more our first impression seemed to have played us a trick.

Im Passiv ist aber nur die Variante mit "on" gebräuchlich: Victoria Sugden (played by Isabel Hodgins) and Luke Posner (Max Parker) were played a trick on by Amy Wyatt (Natalie Ann Jamieson) in recent scenes of "Emmerdale". Natürlich gibt es auch "trick" als Subjekt eines Passivsatzes: At the end, the same trick is played on one of the women.

"To play" ist überhaupt ein schwieriger Fall. Man kann z.B. sagen: "I was played a song by them." Ein analoger Passivsatz ist aber bei "to play" nicht immer möglich: Betrachten wir die beiden Aktivsätze "She played us police interviews with suspects and witnesses / She played police interviews with suspects and witnesses to us / for us." Hier wäre der Passivsatz "We were played police interviews with suspects and witnesses by her" NICHT idiomatisch. (Möglich ist allerdings "We had police interviews with suspects and witnesses played to us by her.")

FALSCH ist: "By 1927, the Moscow patriarch had **pledged** the Communist authorities loyalty." Richtig ist: By 1927, the Moscow patriarch had pledged loyalty to the Communist authorities. Korrekt ist im Passiv nur: Loyalty had been pledged to the Communist authorities. Ein Passivsatz mit "the Communist authorities" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "By 1927, the Communist authorities had been pledged loyalty by the patriarch." (Möglich ist allerdings: By 1927, the Communist authorities had the Patriarch's loyalty pledged to them.)

FALSCH ist: "Six minutes later, a street vendor **pointed out** a police officer on horseback the SUV." Richtig ist: Six minutes later, a street vendor pointed out the SUV to a police officer on horseback. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Six minutes later, the SUV was pointed out to a police officer on horseback by a street vendor. Ein Passivsatz mit "police officer" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "A police officer on horseback was pointed out the SUV by a street vendor." (Möglich ist allerdings: A police officer on horseback had the SUV pointed out to him by a street vendor.)

FALSCH ist: "Tradition has it that Jesus **preached** his disciples a sermon there." Richtig ist: Tradition has it that Jesus preached a sermon to his disciples there. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Tradition has it that a sermon was preached to his disciples by Jesus there. Ein Passivsatz mit "disciples" als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre

also: "Tradition has it that Jesus' disciples were preached a sermon there." (Möglich ist eventuell: Tradition has it that Jesus' disciples had a sermon preached to them there.)

FALSCH ist: "The father **preferred** his sons his daughters." Richtig ist: The father preferred his sons to his daughters. FALSCH ist daher im Passiv: The sons were preferred the daughters. Möglich ist nur: The sons were preferred to the daughters. Bei einem Passivsatz mit "the daughters" als Subjekt würde sich der Sinn ändern: "The daughters were preferred ..." sähe plötzlich die Töchter im Vorteil.

FALSCH ist: "The attorney **proposed** his clients a solution." Richtig ist: The attorney proposed a solution to his clients. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: A solution was proposed to the attorney's clients. Ein Passivsatz mit "the attorney's clients" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH ist daher im Passiv: "The attorney's clients were proposed a solution (to)". (Möglich ist allerdings: The attorney's clients had a solution proposed to them.)

FALSCH ist: "I **proved** him the truth and thus made an enemy of him." Richtig ist: I proved the truth to him and thus made an enemy of him. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The truth was proved to him (by me). Ein Passivsatz mit "he" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH ist daher: "He was proved the truth (by me)". (Möglich ist allerdings: He had the truth proved to him.)

FALSCH ist: "Then the teacher **put** the girl another **question**." Richtig ist: Then the teacher put another question to the girl. Korrekt im Passiv ist: Then another question was put to the girl by the teacher. Ein Passivsatz mit "the girl" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "Then the girl was put another question by the teacher." (Möglich ist allerdings: Then the girl had another question put to her by the teacher.)

FALSCH ist: "A young boy wearing a flowing white traditional robe **recited** the crowd a poem." Richtig ist: A young boy wearing a flowing white traditional robe recited a poem to the crowd. Korrekt im Passiv ist: A poem was recited to the crowd by a young boy. Ein Passivsatz mit "the crowd" als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also: "The crowd was recited a poem by a young boy." (Möglich ist eventuell: The crowd had a poem recited to them by a young boy.)

FALSCH ist: "He quickly **related** the other two the tale." Richtig ist: He quickly related the tale to the other two. Möglich im Passiv ist nur: The tale was quickly related to the other two. Ein Passivsatz mit "the other two" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH ist daher im Passiv: "The other two were quickly related the tale." (Möglich ist allerdings: The other two had the tale quickly related to them.)

FALSCH ist: "He **rented** the house a local lawyer." Richtig ist: He rented the house to a local lawyer. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The house was rented to a local lawyer. Ein Passivsatz mit "a local lawyer" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "A local lawyer was rented the house (to)."

FALSCH ist: "I **repeated** Ms. Williams Jack's comment." Richtig ist: I repeated Jack's comment to Ms. Williams. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Jack's comment was repeated to Ms. Williams. Ein Passivsatz mit "Ms. Williams" als Subjekt ist NICHT möglich – FALSCH wäre also: "Ms. Williams was repeated Jack's comment." (Möglich ist allerdings: Ms. Williams had Jack's comment repeated to her.)

FALSCH ist: "We **reported** the police the incident." Richtig ist: We reported the incident to the police. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The incident was reported to the police. Ein Passivsatz mit "the police" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher im Passiv: "The police were reported the incident." (Möglich ist allerdings: The police had the incident related to them.)

FALSCH ist: "A year later he **returned** his neighbour the favour." Richtig ist: A year later he returned the favour to his neighbour. Im Passiv ist nur möglich: The favour was returned to his neighbour. Ein Passivsatz mit "his neighbour" als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: "A year later his neighbour was returned the favour." (Möglich ist allerdings: A year later his neighbour had the favour returned to him.)

FALSCH ist: "She has not **revealed** the people of this country the secret." Richtig ist: She has not revealed the secret to the people of this country. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The secret has not been revealed to the people of this country. Ein Passivsatz mit "the people" als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also: "The people of this

country have not been revealed the secret.” (Möglich ist eventuell: The people of this country have not had the secret revealed to them.)

FALSCH ist: “She **said** her brother a few nice words.” Richtig ist: She said a few nice words to her brother. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: A few nice words were said to her brother. Ein Passivsatz mit “her brother” als Subjekt ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also: “Her brother was said a few nice words.” (Möglich ist allerdings: Her brother had a few nice words said to him.)

FALSCH ist: Tesla **showed off** a crowd the prototype at its Hawthorne Design Studio. Richtig ist: Tesla showed off the prototype to a crowd at its Hawthorne Design Studio. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The prototype was shown off to a crowd at Tesla's Hawthorne Design Studio. Ein Passivsatz mit “the crowd” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “The crowd were shown off the prototype at Tesla's Hawthorne Design Studio.”

Man kann an diesem Beispiel gut erkennen, wie nahe richtig und falsch beisammen liegen können: Korrekt ist nämlich: The crowd were shown the prototype at Tesla's Hawthorne Design Studio. Der Unterschied liegt also zwischen “to show” und “to show off”.

FALSCH ist: “One of the juveniles **snatched** [= “entreißen”] an old lady her purse.” Richtig ist: One of the juveniles snatched the purse from an old lady. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The purse was snatched from an old lady by one of the juveniles. Ein Passivsatz mit “the old lady” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher: “An old lady was snatched her purse by one of the juveniles.” (Möglich ist allerdings: An old lady had her purse snatched from her by one of the juveniles.)

FALSCH ist: “The reverend then **spoke** the mourners a few words.” Richtig ist: The reverend then spoke a few words to the mourners. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Then a few words were spoken to the mourners (by the reverend). Ein Passivsatz mit “the mourners” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “Then the mourners were spoken a few words (to).” (Möglich wäre allerdings: Then the mourners had a few words spoken to them [by the reverend]).

FALSCH ist: “My cousin **stole** my sister her boyfriend.” Richtig ist: My cousin stole her boyfriend from my sister. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: My sister's boyfriend was stolen from her by my cousin. Ein Passivsatz mit “my sister” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher: “My sister was stolen her boyfriend by my cousin.” (Möglich ist allerdings: My sister had her boyfriend stolen from her by my cousin.)

FALSCH ist: “My uncle **suggested** the village elders another path.” Richtig ist: My uncle suggested another path to the village elders. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Another path was suggested to the village elders by my uncle. Ein Passivsatz mit “the village elders” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher: “The village elders were suggested another path by my uncle.”. (Möglich ist allerdings: The village elders had another path suggested to them by my uncle.)

FALSCH ist: “This incident **subjected** [= “ausliefern”] us a lot of unfavorable publicity.” Richtig ist: This incident subjected us to a lot of unfavorable publicity. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: We were subjected to a lot of unfavorable publicity. Ein Passivsatz mit “a lot of unfavorable publicity” als Subjekt ist nicht möglich.

FALSCH ist: “They **submitted** [= “unterwerfen, unterziehen”] the children x-rays without obtaining legal authorization.” Richtig ist: They submitted the children to x-rays without obtaining legal authorization.” Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The children were submitted to x-rays without legal authorization. Ein Passivsatz mit “x-rays” als Subjekt hätte einen anderen Sinn, weil dann die Röntgenstrahlen unterworfen würden.

FALSCH ist: “Following France's military defeat, some French fascists **subordinated** their nationalism Hitler's crusade against bolshevism.” Richtig ist: Following France's military defeat, some French fascists subordinated their nationalism to Hitler's crusade against bolshevism. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: Some French fascists' nationalism was subordinated to Hitler's crusade against bolshevism. Ein Passivsatz mit “Hitler's crusade against bolshevism” als Subjekt hätte einen anderen Sinn, weil dann der Kreuzzug untergeordnet würde.

FALSCH ist: “Rosalyn suggested our children this place.” Richtig ist: Rosalyn suggested this place to our children. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: This place was suggested to our children by Rosalyn. Ein Passivsatz mit “our

children” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “Our children were suggested this place by Rosalyn.” (Möglich ist allerdings: Our children had this place suggested to them by Rosalyn.)

FALSCH ist: “During the Finnish War, Sweden **surrendered** Russia the fortress [= Sveaborg] on 3 May 1808.” Richtig ist: During the Finnish War, Sweden surrendered the fortress [= Sveaborg] to Russia on 3 May 1808. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The fortress was surrendered to Russia. Ein Passivsatz mit “Russia als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre daher: Russia was surrendered the fortress.

FALSCH ist: “I will not send him with you until you **swear** me a solemn oath that you will bring him back safe and sound.” Richtig ist: I will not send him with you until you swear a solemn oath to me that you will bring him back to me. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: A solemn oath is sworn to me. Ein Passivsatz mit “I” als Subjekt ist nicht möglich.

FALSCH ist: “The two girls probably think I **took** them their mom **away**.” Richtig ist: The two girls probably think I took their mom away from them. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The two girls probably think their mom was taken away from them. Ein Passivsatz mit “they” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH ist daher: “The two girls probably think they were taken away their mom.” (Möglich ist allerdings: They two girls probably think they had their mom taken away from them.)

FALSCH ist: “Mr. Sharon had **turned** a Saudi Arabian initiative for renewed diplomacy **a cold shoulder**.” Richtig ist: Mr. Sharon had turned a cold shoulder to a Saudi Arabian initiative for renewed diplomacy. Korrekt im Passiv (wenn auch idiomatisch zweifelhaft) ist: A cold shoulder had been turned to a Saudi Arabian initiative for renewed diplomacy. Ein Passivsatz mit “a Saudi Arabian initiative” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “A Saudi Arabian initiative for renewed diplomacy had been turned a cold shoulder (to) by Mr. Sharon.”

FALSCH ist: “The girls **waved** us their handkerchiefs from the windows.” Richtig ist: The girls waved their handkerchiefs to us from the windows. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The girls’ handkerchiefs were waved to us from the windows. Ein Passivsatz mit “we” als Subjekt ist nicht zulässig – FALSCH wäre also: “We were waved the girls’ handkerchiefs from the windows.”

Man beachte das Verb “to **write**“: Her fiancé wrote her a letter / Her fiancé wrote a letter to her sind zwei korrekte Aktivsätze. Im Passiv korrekt ist auch: A letter was written to her by her fiancé. Idiomatisch zweifelhaft ist jedoch: “She was written a letter by her fiance”.

FALSCH ist: “My sister might well have **whispered** one of the guests the news.” Richtig ist: My sister might well have whispered the news to one of the guests. Korrekt im Passiv ist nur: The news might well have been whispered to one of the guests by my sister. Ein Passivsatz mit “one of the guests” ist nicht möglich – FALSCH wäre also: “One of the guests might well have been whispered the news by my sister.” (Möglich ist allerdings: One of the guests might well have had the news whispered to them by my sister.)

4.2. Verbs that have only a direct object

Es gibt viele Verben, die nur ein direktes Objekt (Akkusativ-Objekt) haben. Dies wird dann – wie im Deutschen – zum Subjekt des Passivsatzes. Solche Sätze bieten für Deutschsprachige keine Probleme und werden hier nur präsentiert, um zu zeigen, dass man sich als Deutschsprachiger mit Passivsätzen nicht immer so plagen muss wie in 4.1.2. Hier eine Auswahl:

The house was finally abandoned. The text was amended on May 14th. The questions were answered by the husband. Meanwhile chairs and carpets were being arranged in the outer aisle. The proposals are currently being attacked from the left and right. Hundreds were chased across Hackney Downs Park by mounted police. It looks like a crime has been committed. Something is clearly not being properly communicated here. The cinema was destroyed by fire in 1967. The film was developed at once. A deep grave had been dug in the corner of the churchyard. Other items were discussed, too. She was driven home by her mother. Rising wealth has not been equally distributed. Only one bullet had been fired from the revolver. The plane was flown by a women. The Dutch experiment, Cisco says, is being closely followed by dozens of cities. What he did will not be forgotten.

Their security, he said, was a top priority, and they were being closely guarded. He said both his cellmates had been hanged last month. Some wounds can't be healed by money or time. I was kept waiting for more than an hour. We have been badly let down by them. Too much was lost, and too much changed. Then we were marched from the station to the camp. June has been mentioned as an alternative. The demand for transplantable kidneys is being fully met. The referendum is being closely monitored abroad. It was reported that the hostages were being continuously moved. A car is needed to get around. The rule has helped but hasn't always been obeyed. As a pioneer, South Australia is being closely observed, and not always with benevolent intent. The door has not been opened since last night. The accounts are not being properly opened up to scrutiny. Mark was phoned by someone in Los Angeles who wanted to buy the car. Iran must be prevented from having the capability to build a nuclear weapon. Flights from Gatwick to Paphos were provided by British Airways. The hostages were released soon after. After all she had done you'd think she would be rewarded. The dog had done something he knew he was going to be scolded for. They should be seated in two lines facing one another. They were seen by tens of millions of Americans. The date had already been set in January. In Anchorage, our urban spaces are shared with wildlife. When a laser beam is shone on a sample, much of its light is simply scattered and reflected unchanged. The fine snow blasting against my bare skin made me feel like I was being showered with fine shards of glass. When the witness had been brought before the committee, he was sat down on a chair, which was placed in the centre of the room, and told to lift his blindfold. English is spoken all over the world. At the hospital where I work a lot has been spent on equipment over the past few years. Frederick was succeeded by his son and heir, William II. Her beauty is only surpassed by her talent and class! His family was surprised by his return. Care should be taken not to confuse "bemused" and "amused". The technology is not being used to its full potential. Since then my wallet has been stolen. The activist was thrown to the ground, kicked and punched. Mushrooms are increasingly being used to replace red meat. {I arrived early and was walked to the door of the women's locker room by a male attendant. Since he could not enter, he explained to me how the lockers worked & I was on my own.} I'm not feeling like I'm being watched all day. A smithy is a workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering. He saw a number of beautiful women dressed in clothes that he suspected had never been worn before, and in some cases would never be worn again.

Das bedeutet aber nicht, dass jedes Verb mit einem Akkusativobjekt auch automatisch einen Passivsatz bilden kann: The other man nodded his agreement. Theoretisch würde ein dazugehöriger Passivsatz etwa heißen: "The other man's agreement was nodded" (oder: "Agreement was nodded by the other man") – das sind aber keine idiomatischen Sätze.

4.3. Verbs whose object is direct in English and indirect in German

Eine Reihe von Verben hat im Deutschen ein Dativ-Objekt (indirektes Objekt), welchem im Englischen jedoch ein Akkusativ-Objekt (direktes Objekt) entspricht:

After his speech he was applauded ("jemandem applaudieren") warmly. Every few steps, he was approached ("sich jemandem nähern") by someone offering help. Passengers will be assisted ("jemandem helfen") by staff and escorted by the porter to the check-in counter. We were not believed ("jemandem glauben") and they wanted to take a screenshot of the payment on my mobile. Rather than risk a frontal attack, we were commanded ("jemandem befehlen") to use the darkness of night to surprise the enemy. He was later personally congratulated ("jemandem gratulieren") by President Vladimir Putin. It's an assumption that unfortunately is contradicted ("jemandem widersprechen") by reality. Periods of revolution were followed ("jemandem folgen") by restoration. Local fishermen are forbidden ("jemandem verbieten") to sell their products. Jesus explains it this way in Luke 6 37: "Forgive, and you will be forgiven ("jemandem vergeben)". No one would be helped ("jemandem helfen") by knowing the truth. Laws have to be enforced and obeyed ("jemandem gehorchen") and individuals who do not obey court orders must be held to account. The nomination was strongly opposed ("jemandem widersprechen") by Republicans. Louis XV was succeeded ("jemandem nachfolgen") by his grandson, Louis XVI, who was later guillotined during the French Revolution. She has not been personally thanked ("jemandem danken") by a single senior executive. Barry was known for his honesty, sincerity, and loyalty and was trusted ("jemandem vertrauen") by those who knew him.

4.4. Verbs which have an indirect object in German and a prepositional object (with "to") in English

Weiters gibt es Verben, die im Englischen ein Objekt nur mit "to" anschließen können, welches im Deutschen einem Dativ entspricht, z.B. "to defer to sy" (sich jemandem unterordnen / fügen / beugen): They acknowledged they knew what was occurring but merely deferred to their superiors. Im Passiv muss diese Präposition "to" nachgestellt werden (siehe Punkt 1.): In the traditional hierarchy of African villages, the old are deferred to by the young. Was für Deutschsprachige wie ein Dativobjekt aussieht, ist im Englischen also ein Präpositionalobjekt. Weitere Beispiele:

Any restructuring would have to be agreed to (= einer Sache zustimmen) by unions. {The second vision came to Giommaria Ledda, a Sardinian man enslaved by the Moors, who was appeared to (= jemandem erscheinen) by a Roman warrior who introduced himself as Saint Constantine. Constantine told the man that if he built a church in his honour on the hill of Monte Isei, he would be freed from slavery.} A contract of insurance, like other contracts, must be assented to (= einer Sache zustimmen) by both parties either in person or by their agents. The marriage was not consented to (= einer Sache zustimmen) by the bride's parents. Iran, however, would never let itself be dictated to (= jemandem diktieren) by the United States, Mr. Assad said. Artemis committed murder of the first degree against Orion by shooting him through the heart with a silver arrow that she was entrusted to (= jemandem anvertrauen) by her father. In the US someone who has made a lot of money is listened to (= jemandem zuhören) with respect. The waiter was motioned to (= jemandem winken) by the manager who informed him our order was ready. His first attempt to speak was objected to (= einer Sache widersprechen) and he was denied permission. The Board of Commissioners is directly reported to (= jemandem unterstehen) by the Commission Secretariat. {Instead of stopping when signalled to (= jemandem signalisieren) by officers, the car made off. It was later located abandoned on Church Road.} Churchill & Roosevelt say they won't be surrendered to (= sich jemandem ergeben) by Fascists, they want to be surrendered to by democrats. A 91-year-old woman who was waved to (= jemandem zuwinken) by hundreds of Derby County fans marching through the city at the weekend, said she was left feeling "like royalty".

Sinngemäß gehört auch dazu "to propose to sy" (= jemandem einen Heiratsantrag machen): I know this because my mum has been proposed to by nine different men in her life.

4.5. Verbs with prepositional objects

Auch Präpositionalobjekte können im Englischen (nicht aber im Deutschen!) zum Subjekt eines Passivsatzes werden – die Präposition kommt dann nach dem Partizip Perfekt zu stehen. Im Punkt 1. dieses Artikels findet man weitere Beispiele (aus Gründen der Systematik wird dieser Punkt hier nochmals erwähnt):

The deal was agreed upon during a two-hour meeting. I have made contact with the proper authorities and I was apologized to – though that hardly matters now. The nature and consequences of the revolution continue to be argued about. The house was broken into five times. I just truly hope that he's in a better place, that he knows he was cared about. The grounds were cared for by gardeners cutting with machetes. The pool fence can be climbed over by a kid quite easily. There are a number of serious challenges posed by digital preservation that must be contended with. Anyone found guilty, he says, will be dealt with "very severely". Not only are their hotels booked out for the length of the event by visitors of all kinds, but next summer they'll be descended upon by hordes of international media. An enormous demonstration against his rule in Bucharest was fired on by the security police. Parents are meant to be lied to – all kids lie to their parents. The castle hadn't been lived in for 100 years. He doesn't like being made a fool of. Most of the pleasures in life must be paid for. (Saki) That's not what the money was provided for. The doctor was sent for at once. A Canadian ex-student of mine, a passenger in the aircraft, being shown off to by an inexperienced pilot, was crippled in the crash. I would never want my sister to be spoken to the way Donald Trump has spoken to women. She is easily taken advantage of. So the rest of the day could be taken care of with fresh energy. The affected family must be tended to with sensitivity and care.

Das heißt aber nicht, dass jegliche Präpositionalobjekte Subjekte eines Passivsatzes werden können:

They reminded me of another incident the year before. ⇨ I was reminded of another incident the year before.

Unmöglich ist aber ein weiterer Passivsatz mit "another incident" als Subjekt.

5. Passive sentences with "get" instead of "to be"

In Passivsätzen ist "get" eine Alternative zu "be"; "get" kann aber nicht wahllos verwendet werden, es gibt idiomatische Einschränkungen, z.B. ist "get" nur bei aktiven Handlungen möglich: Unmöglich ist z.B. "It got hoped that he would recover soon." (Möglich nur: It was hoped that he would recover soon.) Ebenso: He was believed to be ill. (Falsch: "He got believed to be ill.") I was surprised by the news. (Falsch: "I got surprised by the news.") His right foot was left a lump of mangled flesh, half cut off above the toes. (Falsch: "His right foot got left a lump of mangled flesh ...")

Jedoch: Fit and experienced hikers should stay at the back of the group to ensure no-one gets left behind. (Dieses "left" hat etwas mit einer Handlung zu tun: Achtlosigkeit / gleichgültiges Verhalten der anderen Wanderer.)

The question I get asked most often is "Tony, how do you go to the bathroom in the suit?" I knew that if I'd been with him I never would have gotten assaulted. The more he gets attacked, the more free he becomes. Did you often get beaten up? For a long time it was believed that medieval peasant houses were little more than primitive huts – the kind of frail twiggy structures that get blown down by wolves in fairy tales. In the ensuing melee a girl's nose got broken. All we can do is pray that the dam doesn't get built. I was the only guy that didn't get called out. What would happen if you got caught? It's the recruitment process especially when they get cheated. There is nothing the British like more than a bloke who comes from nowhere, makes it and then gets clobbered. (Melvyn Bragg) Voters will know whom to blame when nothing gets done. If we miss one day, the work doesn't get done and we don't get paid. When the Emperor wanted something done, it got done in the most spectacular fashion possible. Not surprisingly, little work gets done. If somebody has a heart attack, he or she has to get driven to a city half an hour away. In my mother's generation, you got fired when you were pregnant. School-age children are merciless in their persecution of the one who is different: the nail that sticks up gets hammered down. Walking down the street, she almost got hit by a car. I got held up at some crossroads. There are plenty of kids who get ignored by their parents. One of the players got injured after ten minutes. We don't actually get invited to that many dinner parties. What should we do if I got invited, too? People were still getting killed by booby-traps and we didn't feel the war was over. I yelled to him to get down before he got killed. I don't have to worry about getting laid off. No player gets left behind! He didn't get mentioned at all. He's getting operated on now. An old woman who can't see appeals to me to convince her family to get her cataracts operated upon. The pirates don't even know how much ransom gets paid for the ships they hijack. I got prescribed painkillers, Percocet and OxyContin. We don't know if he will get punished. No piece of technology, once adopted, ever gets put back in the box. I don't know why they are not getting recognized. The same neurotransmitter (dopamine) gets released when you do cocaine. If an Englishman gets run down by a truck, we apologize to the truck. (Jackie Mason) William shouted loudly "Screw you!" and got sent to the headmaster's office by the teacher. You're gonna get sent away! At least we didn't get shot at. It could have been me who got shot that day. People get shot and we don't even hear about it. Today I proved to myself that I will not freeze the next time I get shot at. I knew I couldn't see my nine year-old sister get spat on again. Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings. (Ed Gardener) I noticed that she was getting stared at by the people on the bus. I remember the day when I got stung by a wasp. He was one of those New York characters that get talked about. In my grandmother's household nothing got thrown away.

6. Active for passive

6.1. Manchmal wird die aktive Form eines Verbs im passiven Sinn verwendet:

In the first quarter of this new year, nearly 10,000 more houses were completed, nearly 30,000 were building; and more than 15,000 more houses were begun than in the same period of last year. (W. Churchill) With the 1920s skyscrapers, the downtowns were building more upward than outward. {No, to be sure,' he added quickly, in anticipation of what the old man was going to say, 'there's not much business doing there, I know; but you can make him clean the place out, polish up the instruments.} (Charles Dickens) As an estimated 20,000 people evacuated, Governor Jerry Brown declared an emergency in eight counties and asked the federal government for help. (TIME) Although nine of the fourteen water-pumps of the city were upon the scene of action, and eight men were toiling at each handle, little progress was making. How much rent was owing in previous months was

unclear. (Theodore Dreiser) "Cinderella" is playing to full houses in Los Angeles after a successful premiere in London's West End. The festival has been preparing for two years. Curtis told me that they were going to be sourcing in the UK as well as the USA, so I asked "Where exactly, because I know that Cosmos Books are printing in Milton Keynes, which is half-an-hour's drive from where I live." If a book is reprinting that's a signal to all concerned that it has probably started to make some money. Banks in Boston and Philadelphia quickly rationed supplies, but still sold out by noon. Across Japan, the PS3 [= Play Station 3] had sold out by lunchtime. {Have only just started reading the book but it's written beautifully. Where is the film showing or where can I watch it once I've finished the book?}

6.2. "Active for passive" findet sich auch bei Infinitiven – dort fällt es aber gar nicht auf, weil es im Deutschen genau so gehandhabt wird:

Who is to blame for this mess? It seemed the only thing to do. Have you got something to eat for me? Chinese words are hard to learn. There were no rooms to let. There's really no time to lose. That is certainly a difficult situation to manage. There is nothing much to say about it. There was a lot to see. Despite the appeal of that logic, it's the wrong course to take. The programming terms and jargons are definitely not easy to translate, especially for the people who translate from or into Chinese.

6.3. Auch bei gerunds findet sich gelegentlich "active for passive":

I think this garden deserves watering and careful attention. That statement deserves looking into. He doesn't deserve criticising for much this season – in fact he has got 90% of things right. It is an exceptional product that deserves handling with special care. This marriage deserves saving. This dress therefore deserves keeping for posterity for that reason alone.

This wine merits keeping for a few more years. This is beautiful and merits reading more than once. His work merits studying in detail. There were definitely some wines that merited buying. They had invited me to join them in exploring new places and places that merited visiting again. Several questions have made their way to my desk that merit discussing in detail.

That phrase in itself needs explaining. It is an issue that needs studying. All of this is now so obvious that it barely needs repeating. I think your shoes need shining. The room definitely needs painting. Whenever the car needs pushing because it won't start, guess who gets out does the pushing?

A mainstay of hotels, offices, malls and atriums, permanent botanicals don't require watering or spraying. Reusable coffee cups are bulkier and require cleaning. These are factors that require looking at again in order to promote tolerance and understanding. The chemical is dangerous and requires handling with extreme caution. Large rectangles require cutting into smaller rectangles. Many electronic documents require signing by two or more persons.

How to tell if your carpets wants cleaning. I wish I could run up to town for a day or two to see you, dear, but I dare not go yet, with so much on my shoulders; and Jonathan wants looking after still. It is so easily liable to abuse that it wants handling with care. Can't you see that your hair wants cutting? We had a man at the house to finish off the small jobs that we wanted tidying up before we put it on the market. The mirror is a very heavy lump and wants securing to preferably a brick wall.

The speech is worth reading in full. It was a possibility worth looking at. He thinks that bad methodology isn't worth criticising, just so long as you agree with the results. For the price the cost, they are worth handling with care. That is not a corner worth cutting. Some buildings are not worth saving.

7. Miscellaneous

Als abschließenden Unterpunkt zum Thema "passive voice" eine Art Kuriosum: Googelt man den Satz "A good time was had by all", so erhält man 550.000 Treffer (April 2022). "A good time was had (by all)" ist also nicht irgendein Passivsatz, sondern bereits eine Redewendung. Das Kuriose daran ist die vom Deutschen so ganz abweichende

passive Form, in die sie gekleidet ist. Dass etwas "gehabt wird", entspricht nicht dem deutschen Verständnis des passiven Modus. Es folgen ein paar Beispiele, bei denen man auch Varianten in den tenses sieht:

A good time was had by all. Last year, nearly 1,000 people came to the party and – as cliché as it sounds – a good time was had by all. To suggest that a good time was had by all would be a severe understatement. They were all in a good mood of course and a great time was had by all.

Our good friends from Section 8 will be in Portland Sunday, so a good time will be had in the pubs. It's likely that a good time will be had by all anyway. Sounds like a good time will be had by all. {There will be Christmas activities for children in the food court. A jolly good time will be had as they take a ride on Santa's train, write and post a letter to Santa and get creative with Christmas crafts and more. These activities will be free of charge.} . Come out and make a difference, we promise a good time will be had!

I thought we'd play cards, I'd make a little money, and a good time would be had by all. Chaplain Keith Rogers offered the invocation, praying that a good time would be had by all that evening. When Kathy Cook attended an oil industry conference in Canada in 2008, she wasn't anticipating that a great time would be had by all.