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Practice
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Exercise 3: active – passive transformations
Rearrange the words in the boxes to form a passive version of each sentence.

1. After the final performance, the judges chose the winner.
   - chosen   After the winner performance was the final

2. When did someone invent the microchip?
   - the was invented when ? microchip

3. If you don't water the plants regularly, they will die.
   - will the watered regularly, plants If die aren't they

4. Someone told me that the bus leaves at 10 o'clock.
   - was that 10 o'clock the bus I at told leaves

5. Do people process new applications here?
   - ? new here processed are applications

6. The police caught the robbers this morning.
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Answers

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4. Two people ... in the accident.
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