

## CAPUT XXIV: WORKSHEET for PASSIVE PERIPHRASTIC and DATIVE OF AGENT

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**1. DEFINITION:** A passive verb form consisting of the future passive participle (“gerundive”) plus a form of **esse** and indicating a necessary or obligatory action; the agent is indicated by a noun in the dative (not the ablative) case (the “Dative of Agent”), with no Latin preposition.

ENGLISH EXAMPLE: “Latin should be loved by all students.”

**2. RECOGNITION:** Look for the geruNDive (the **-NDus/a/um** participle) plus a form of **esse**, e.g., **amandus est**, often accompanied/preceded by a dative of agent; compare, but do not confuse with, such perfect passive system forms as **amatus est**.

EXAMPLE: **Latīna omnibus discipulis amanda est.**

**3. TRANSLATION:** Translate with “HAS to be/should be/ought to be/must be \_\_\_\_\_ed,” if **sum** (present tense) is used; “HAD to be,” if **eram/fuī** (past tense) is used; “WILL HAVE to be,” if **erō** (future). Translate the dative of agent just as you would the ablative of agent, supplying “by” in English; be careful not to translate with “to” or “for,” as with other datives.

EXAMPLES: **1) Hic liber discipulis legendus est.** *This book has to be (should be) read by the students.*

**2) Hic liber discipulis legendus erit.** *This book will have to be read by the students.*

**3) Hic liber discipulis legendus erat.** *This book had to be read by the students.*

**OR** (and this often makes better English) transform the PASSIVE construction to an ACTIVE construction, as in these options for the three preceding examples.

*1) The students have to read (should/must/ought to read) this book.*

*2) The students will have to read this book.*

*3) The students had to read this book.*

### **PRACTICE WITH THESE:**

Tyrannus cīvibus expellendus est.

PASSIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

Carmina poētae recitanda erunt.

PASSIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

Catilīna Cicerōnī superandus erat.

PASSIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_