

Error Correction – Passive Voice

Instructions: The following sentences contain errors in the use of passive voice. Find and correct these errors.

Adapted from “Why Rituals Are Good for Your Health”

1. Freedom of thought and expression were severely restricteded in Iran after the Islamic revolution. (1 error)
2. In a matter of months, women were forcedd to ditch our previous lifestyle and observe a strict Islamic attire, which covered our bodies and hair. (1 error)
3. With habits, the actions and behaviors are causally tiedd to the desired outcome. The actions of rituals, however, have no instrumental connection to the outcome. For example, we sing “Happy Birthday” to the same melody even though it isn’t tiedd to a specific external result. (2 errors)
4. We live amid a loneliness epidemic where the lack of belonging and community has been linked to high suicide rates and an increase sense of despair. (1 error)
5. The United States has one of the worst work-life balance scores in the world, while more Americans have become disillusioned with organizedd religion, as a broad and rapidly rising demographic consider themselves spiritual but not religious. (2 errors)
6. In Iran during the war, we found uses for rituals when we were faced with food rations. We gathered family and friends, reciting the ancient story of the poor abusedd girl who had run away from home and had a vision of being visiteded by three celestial bibis (matrons). (3 errors)
7. Stories, such as those told during the Jewish ceremony of Passover Seder, have become ritualizedd because they were recited in the same way each time. (2 errors)
8. Candlelit dinners were no longer saved for a special occasion. Using a talking stick helped me listen more attentively and choose my words more carefully. (1 error)
9. After living in the U.S. for two decades, I became a mother and was confronted with the phrase, “It takes a village to raise a child.” But where was that mythical village and the rituals that made it sane? For example, a pregnant woman in Iran had a rotating menu of dishes made for her by friends and family. A new mother was surrounded by people who took turns assisting with daily tasks. But in the U.S., she was expected to fend for herself and her baby immediately after childbirth. (3 errors)