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GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Week: From April 20th to 24th

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PASSIVE VOICE

Passive 1 (is done / was done)

A

Study this example:



This house **was built** in 1961.

Was built is *passive*.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **built** this house in 1961. (*active*)

subject
built

object
this house

This house **was built** in 1961. (*passive*)

subject
This house

verb
was built

When we use an active verb, we say *what the subject does*:

- ☐ My grandfather was a builder. **He built** this house in 1961.
- ☐ It's a big company. **It employs** two hundred people.

When we use a passive verb, we say *what happens to the subject*:

- ☐ 'How old is this house?' **'It was built** in 1961.'
- ☐ **Two hundred people are employed** by the company.



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B When we use the passive, who or what causes the action is often unknown or unimportant:

- ☐ A lot of money **was stolen** in the robbery. (somebody stole it, but we don't know who)
- ☐ **Is** this room **cleaned** every day? (does somebody clean it? – it's not important who)

If we want to say who does or what causes the action, we use **by**:

- ☐ This house was built **by my grandfather**.
- ☐ Two hundred people are employed **by the company**.

C The passive is **be (is/was etc.) + past participle (done/cleaned/seen etc.)**:
(be) done (be) cleaned (be) damaged (be) built (be) seen etc.

For irregular past participles (**done/seen/known** etc.), see Appendix 1.

Study the active and passive forms of the *present simple* and *past simple*:

Present simple

active **clean(s) / see(s)** etc. Somebody **cleans** **this room** every day.

passive **am/is/are + cleaned/seen** etc. **This room** **is cleaned** every day.

- ☐ Many accidents **are caused** by careless driving.
- ☐ I'm **not invited** to parties very often.
- ☐ How **is** this word **pronounced**?

Past simple

active **cleaned/saw** etc. Somebody **cleaned** **this room** yesterday.

passive **was/were + cleaned/seen** etc. **This room** **was cleaned** yesterday.

- ☐ We **were woken** up by a loud noise during the night.
- ☐ 'Did you go to the party?' 'No, I **wasn't invited**.'
- ☐ How much money **was stolen** in the robbery?

Exercises

42.1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

cause	damage	hold	invite	make
overtake	show	surround	translate	write

- Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- Cheese is made from milk.
- The roof of the building was damaged in a storm a few days ago.
- You weren't invited to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- A cinema is a place where films are shown.
- In the United States, elections for president are held every four years.
- Originally the book was written in Spanish, and a few years ago it was translated into English.
- Although we were driving fast, we were overtaken by a lot of other cars.
- You can't see the house from the road. It is surrounded by trees.



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42.2 Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

- 1 Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?
- 2 Ask about television. (when / invent?) _____
- 3 Ask about mountains. (how / form?) _____
- 4 Ask about antibiotics. (when / discover?) _____
- 5 Ask about silver. (what / use for?) _____

42.3 Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- 1 It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
- 2 Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
- 3 Water _____ (cover) most of the earth's surface.
- 4 How much of the earth's surface _____ (cover) by water?
- 5 The park gates _____ (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- 6 The letter _____ (send) a week ago and it (arrive) _____ yesterday.
- 7 The boat hit a rock and _____ (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody _____ (rescue).
- 8 Robert's parents _____ (die) when he was very young. He and his sister _____ (bring up) by their grandparents.
- 9 I was born in London, but I _____ (grow up) in Canada.
- 10 While I was on holiday, my camera _____ (steal) from my hotel room.

42.4 Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody, they, people** etc., write a passive sentence.

- 1 Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
- 2 They cancelled all flights because of fog. All _____
- 3 People don't use this road much. _____
- 4 Somebody accused me of stealing money. I _____
- 5 How do people learn languages? How _____
- 6 People warned us not to go out alone. _____



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