

## THE PASSIVE – PRACTICE

**Write the missing sentences.**

| <u>Active:</u>                               | <u>Passive:</u>                                       |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) They <b>clean</b> the room every day.    | .....                                                 |
| (2)* .....                                   | The room <b>is being cleaned</b> now.                 |
| (3) .....                                    | The room <b>was cleaned</b> yesterday.                |
| (4)* .....                                   | The room <b>was being cleaned</b> yesterday at 6 p.m. |
| (5) They <b>have just cleaned</b> the room.  | .....                                                 |
| (6) .....                                    | The room <b>will be cleaned</b> tomorrow.             |
| (7) They <b>are going to clean</b> the room. | .....                                                 |
| (8) .....                                    | The room <b>should be cleaned</b> .                   |
| (9) They <b>have to clean</b> the room.      | .....                                                 |

**Complete the following passive voice sentences in the tenses suggested.**

- (1) **Present**  
This picture (always admire) .....
- (2) **Past**  
His leg (hurt) ..... in an accident.
- (3) **Present with SHOULD**  
This exercise (do) ..... very carefully.
- (4) **Present Perfect**  
The box (not open) ..... for the last hundred years.
- (5) **Past**  
The Tower of London (formerly use) ..... as a prison.
- (6) **Present Perfect**  
Two of my dinner plates (break) .....
- (7) **'WILL' Future**  
This play (forget) ..... in a few years' time.
- (8) **Past**  
The bridge (build) ..... last year.
- (9) **Past**  
A big battle (fight) ..... here 200 years ago.
- (10) **Present Perfect**  
You (invite) ..... to lunch tomorrow.

**Rewrite each sentence so that it means the same as the sentence on the left.**

- (0) Someone has killed Lord Wessex. **Lord Wessex has been killed.**
- (1) Someone found the body in the study a few hours ago.  
The body ...
- (2) The murderer committed the murder at around midnight.  
The murder ...
- (3) The butler saw two strangers near the house.  
Two strangers ...
- (4) \*The police are questioning the butler.  
The butler ...
- (5) No one has seen the younger son for three weeks.  
The younger son ...
- (6) The family last saw the elder son two years ago.  
The elder son ...
- (7) Everyone will sadly miss Lord Wessex.  
Lord Wessex ...

**Read and complete. Use the Past Simple.**

- (0) The toothbrush / invent / in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. **The toothbrush was invented in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.**
- (1) The first public basketball game / play / in 1892.
- (2) The first eyeglasses / wear / in the 1200s.
- (3) The first bicycle / ride / in 1971.
- (4) The first hot dog / eat / in the 1860s.
- (5) The first electric guitar / play / in 1923.
- (6) The first computer mouse / use / in 1964.
- (7) The first CDs / sell / in the 1980s.

**Make the active sentences passive.**

- (0) The cold weather damaged the plants. **The plants were damaged by the cold weather.**
- (1) He broke his leg in a skiing accident.
- (2) The wind blew down dozens of trees.
- (3) Someone has stolen my watch.
- (4) The voters re-elected the President.
- (5) The chambermaid hasn't cleaned my room.
- (6) They won't change this law until 2010.
- (7) They built 15 new hospitals last year.
- (8) A British girl has won the tennis championship.
- (9) They murdered 24,000 people in the USA last year.

**Make the passive sentences active.**

- (0) Plastic bags are sometimes thrown into the sea by tourists.  
**Tourists sometimes throw plastic bags into the sea.**
- (1) Plastic bags are sometimes eaten by turtles, because they look like jellyfish.
- (2) In some countries, turtles are caught by fishermen for food.
- (3) In some countries, dead turtles are sold to tourists by souvenir shop owners.
- (4) Live turtles are imported illegally by some rich countries.
- (5) Live turtles are sold by pet shop owners.
- (6) Turtles are poisoned by chemical waste in the sea.

**Put the verbs into the correct tense of the passive voice.**

- (1) Every year lots of new hotels (build) ..... on the coast.
- (2) Thousands of animals (kill) ..... for their fur every year.
- (3) Fur coats (wear) ..... by people in many countries.
- (4) Oil (carry) ..... across the world by large tankers.
- (5) The sea (pollute) ..... when oil tankers sink.
- (6) Not long ago lions and tigers (hunt) .....
- (7) Now many of them (look after) ..... in reserves.
- (8) Too many fish (take) ..... from the North Sea last year.
- (9) In the future they (protect) ..... by international law.

**Put the following verbs into the passive voice. Use the present continuous.**

- (1) My car ..... (service) this week.
- (2) Our friends ..... (take) to the gallery now.
- (3) The hens ..... (feed) by the farmer's wife.
- (4) My sister ..... (cure) by the doctor.
- (5) My tooth ..... (fix) by the dentist.
- (6) Lunch ..... (cook) by my mother.
- (7) Tea ..... (drink) by my friends.

Look at the picture and read the sentences, then write them down as passive sentences.



- (0) Someone has wrecked the kitchen.
- (1) The cat has spilt the milk.
- (2) Someone has eaten the cake.
- (3) Someone has burnt the toast.
- (4) No-one has closed the fridge door.
- (5) Someone threw the fruit on the floor.
- (6) No-one has washed the dishes.
- (7) Someone has broken a cup.
- (8) Someone has left the kitchen in a horrible mess.
- (9) Perhaps the children have done it.
- (10) Their mother will shout at them.

The kitchen has been wrecked.

Make passive sentences. Use the past simple.

- (0) The cows / not feed / by the farmer / this morning.      **The cows weren't fed by the farmer this morning.**
- (1) My son's trousers / tear / last week.      .....
- (2) A pair of socks / put on / by me.      .....
- (3) Breakfast / make / for her husband.      .....
- (4) Some friends of ours / meet / in the park.      .....
- (5) A mountain / climb / last week.      .....

Make passive sentences. Use the past continuous. Use the past continuous.

- (0) Sheila – call – by her mother.      **Sheila was being called by her mother.**
- (1) I – touch – by his hands.      .....
- (2) He – ask – for help.      .....
- (3) Tea – serve – all time.      .....
- (4) The painting – admire – by him.      .....
- (5) The novel – write – by her.      .....

**Put the following verbs into the passive voice. Use the present perfect.**

- (1) The rules ..... (not write) yet.
- (2) The film ..... (produce) recently.
- (3) My heart ..... (break).
- (4) Your mother ..... (take) to hospital.
- (5) The railway station ..... (rebuild).
- (6) Your life ..... (save).
- (7) A lot ..... (change) since I last visited my home town.

**Put the following sentences into the passive voice. Use "will-future".**

- (1) She'll make some space for you. ....
- (2) He'll touch your lips gently. ....
- (3) He'll write an article for the local newspaper. ....
- (4) I won't move my eyes. ....
- (5) Helen will do some important work. ....

**Make questions in the passive voice. Use the going to future.**

- (1) Why – a boat – hire? .....
- (2) When – your work – finish – today? .....
- (3) Why – the machine – sell? .....
- (4) Why – the little girl – send – abroad? .....
- (5) What – say – about our plans? .....

**Put the following sentences into the passive voice.**

- (0) We eat soup with every lunch. **Soup is eaten with every lunch.**
- (1) I often send him a gift. ....
- (2) You give me everything I need. ....
- (3) People speak English all over the world. ....
- (4) We visit our mother every weekend. ....
- (5) I study biology in London. ....

**Put the following sentences into the passive voice.**

- (0) I often do the shopping at this shop. **My shopping is often done at this shop.**
- (1) Harry never does his homework. ....
- (2) She always does the washing up. ....
- (3) They grow tomatoes in their garden. ....
- (4) We produce motorbikes in our factory. ....
- (5) He always repairs his car. ....

**Make passive sentences. Use the present simple.**

- (0) Our dog – feed – every six hours. **Our dog is fed every six hours.**
- (1) Her house – clean – twice a week. ....
- (2) My brother – take – to school – every morning. ....
- (3) A new house – build – here – every year. ....
- (4) A lot of letters – write – to him. ....
- (5) People – often – warn – by them. ....

**Put the following sentences into the passive voice. Use the present simple.**

- (1) At the zoo animals ..... (keep) in their cages.
- (2) German ..... generally ..... (speak) in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- (3) My clothes ..... (wash) every week.
- (4) He ..... (not treat) well by them.
- (5) Tom ..... (force) to do that work again.
- (6) A good footballer ..... (need) in our team.
- (7) Good workers ..... (want) in this factory.
- (8) She ..... (pay) very well.
- (9) I ..... (depress) by my job.
- (10) A lot of sand ..... (wash) away by the river.

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**Make sentences passive. Use the present simple.**

- (1) She only prepares fast food. ....
- (2) You make good paintings. ....
- (3) I always do everything for you. ....
- (4) It makes a lot of noise. ....
- (5) We drink coffee with every meal. ....

**Insert the missing verb and put it into the passive voice. Use the present simple.**

|       |      |       |     |       |       |      |      |    |      |
|-------|------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------|------|----|------|
| SPEAK | SELL | DRINK | USE | THROW | CLOSE | MAKE | SEND | DO | GIVE |
|-------|------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------|------|----|------|

- (1) Litter ..... all over the streets.
- (2) French .....in France.
- (3) Mistakes ..... often ..... in such sentences.
- (4) These magazines ..... all over the world.
- (5) She ..... some advice by her mother every day.
- (6) Fresh water ..... with different meals.
- (7) Books ..... everywhere.
- (8) Dictionaries ..... when doing homework.
- (9) Nothing ..... ever ..... to make our life better.
- (10) The bank ..... at 7 pm every day.

**Make sentences passive. Use the past simple.**

- (1) I bought a pair of jeans yesterday. ....
- (2) We took our dog out for a walk. ....
- (3) You solved all your problems. ....
- (4) I left the plate on the table. ....
- (5) They built a large ship. ....

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