

WASTE AND RECYCLING

A. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

1. Who throws things away every day? Who produces dirty bathwater and industrial waste?

2. Is it important for us to know the name of the person/people who do these things?



A lot **is thrown** away every day. All these things that **are thrown** away are called **garbage** or **waste**. There are different kinds of waste:

- Yesterday's newspaper, potato and apple peels, coke cans, your baby brother's dirty diapers **are called** household waste.



- Your dirty bathwater and everything else that goes down your toilet is called **sewage**.
- Smoke **is produced** from a factory chimney. This is called **industrial waste**.
- Some waste is dangerous because it contains poisons. This **is known** as **toxic waste**.

NOTE!

When we are interested in **what happens** but **not in who does it**, we use the **passive form of verbs**.

As you can see in the text above, the passive form of verbs is formed with the verb and the of the main verb.

Fill in the following blanks with the passive verbs used in the text above:

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What tense are the verbs above in?

What is more important to you?

Who did something? -----> Then, use **active** voice.

What happened? -----> Then, use **passive** voice.

NOTE! To form the passive voice of the verbs we need to know to form the tenses of the verb *to be*.

Tense	Verb to be	Past Participle of the main verb
Simple Present	_____	emit _____
Simple Past	_____	pollute _____ dump _____
Present Perfect	_____	store _____ bury _____
Simple Future	_____	cause _____
can/could/must/may + infinitive	_____	

B. Read the following story and fill in the blanks with the *Passive S. Past tense* of the verbs in brackets.

The story of the Love Canal

In the USA in the 1930's, a large quantity of waste chemicals _____ (store) in big metal drums. The drums _____ (dump) in a hole in the ground. Later, the place _____ (cover) with dirt and a small town _____ (build). The town _____ (call) Love Canal.

In the 1970's the drums began to leak into the earth. As a result, the trees died and the ground _____ (cover) with a horrible, smelly, black slime. Holes _____ (burn) on people's shoes. Everybody had to leave Love Canal. Later eighty-two different toxic chemicals _____ (find) in the earth.

C. Fill in the following table with the subject and verb of each one of the sentences above.

Subject	Verb
a large quantity of waste chemicals	was stored
_____	_____
_____	_____
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D. Answer the following questions.

1. Who/What dumped the drums? _____
2. Who/What covered the place? _____
3. Who/What built a small town? _____
4. Who/What called the town Love Canal? _____
5. Who/What began to leak? _____
6. Who/What died? _____
7. Who/What covered the ground? _____
8. Who/What burned holes? _____
9. Who/ What had to leave? _____
10. Who/What found eighty-two chemicals? _____

NOTE!

As you can see from the answers you have given to the questions above, the *subject* of a *passive verb* is *not* the *DOER* of the action the verb describes. Only in *active verbs* is the *subject* the *doer* of the action the *same*.