

Grammar

The Passive

1 Complete the chart.

AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE	INTERROGATIVE
Present Simple Passive		
It is cleaned	It isn't cleaned	Is it cleaned? Yes, it is / No,
	They aren't checked	Yes, / No, they aren't.
Past Simple Passive		
It was sold		Yes, / No, it wasn't. Were they cooked? Yes, they were. / No,

2 Write sentences. Use the Present Simple Passive.

1. English / speak / in England
.....
English is spoken in England.
2. TVs / not sell / in furniture shops
.....
3. eggs / use / in cakes
.....
4. this game / not play / at home
.....
5. fridges / make / from plastic and metal
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3 Write questions for the following sentences. Use the Present Simple Passive.

1. Is the bedroom tidied every day?
Yes, the bedroom is tidied every day.
2.
No, the news is not read in Italian.
3.
Yes, eggs are sold in the supermarket.
4.
No, meals aren't served at school.
5.
Yes, TV is watched every day.

4 Complete the sentences. Use the Past Simple Passive.

1. MP3 players were invented (invent)
many years ago.
2. The house clean (clean)
yesterday.
3. The e-mail send (send)
yesterday.
4. The egg fry (fry) in oil.
5. Prizes give (give) to the best
students.



5 Circle the correct answers.

1. The bed is **made** / was made two hours ago.
2. These days, tennis is **played** / was played in many countries.
3. Prizes **aren't given** / weren't given last night.
4. The news **is read** / was read every hour.
5. The e-mail **isn't sent** / wasn't sent yesterday.
6. Cheeseburgers **are made** / were made with cheese.
7. Dinner **is served** / was served an hour ago.
8. English lessons **are given** / were given every day.

6 Complete the sentences. Use the Present or Past Simple Passive.

1. My computer was broken (break) last week.
2. The room (not clean) every day.
3. the homework (check) yesterday?
4. Students (teach) English twice a week.
5. cakes (bake) for the party last night?
6. The car (not drive) every day.
7. Last month, drinks (not sell) at school.
8. A pencil (use) for writing in the classroom.

7 Change the active sentences to the passive.

1. She put the books on the bookcase.
The books were put on the bookcase.
2. They sell the tickets at the office.
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3. We didn't walk the dog last night.
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4. They serve eggs for breakfast.
.....
5. They didn't cook cheeseburgers yesterday.
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8 Change the passive sentences to active.

1. Furniture is made from wood and leather. People make furniture from wood and leather.
2. Games are played after school. Students
3. French was spoken in my home. We
4. These books were written fifty years ago. The writer
5. Our car was repaired yesterday. The mechanic

9 Complete the text. Use the Present or Past Simple Passive.

Many things 1. are done (do) very differently today. In the past, letters 2. (send) by post, telephones 3. (use) and music 4. (listen) to on the radio only at home. Today, e-mails 5. (send) by computer, mobile phones 6. (use) everywhere and music 7. (play) on MP3 players.

*Be the Teacher!***10** Correct the mistakes.

1. The pillow aren't made of plastic.
The pillow isn't made of plastic.
2. Cake is eat at a party.
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3. Lunch are served at one o'clock.
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4. When was MP3 players invented?
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5. Pizza were sold at school yesterday.
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6. Is e-mails written on the computer?
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