

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.

- English / speak / in England
English is spoken in England.
- TVs / not sell / in furniture shops
- eggs / use / in cakes
- this game / not play / at home
- fridges / make / from plastic and metal

3 Write questions for the following sentences. Use the Present Simple Passive.

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

4 Complete the sentences. Use the Past Simple Passive.

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



5 Circle the correct answers.

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

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

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

7 Change the active sentences to the passive.

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

- Furniture is made from wood and leather.
People make furniture from wood and leather.
- Games are played after school.
Students
- French was spoken in my home.
We
- These books were written fifty years ago.
The writer
- 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.

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