Passive Voice

Verb tense	Active voice	Passive voice
Present simple	They take the photos in Africa	The photos are taken in Africa
Present continuous	They are taking the photos in Africa	The photos are being taken in Africa
Present perfect	They have taken the photos in Africa	The photos have been taken in Africa
Past simple	They took the photos in Africa	The photos were taken in Africa
Past continuous	They were taking the photos in Africa	The photos were being taken in Africa
Past perfect	They had taken the photos in Africa	The photos had been taken in Africa
Future simple	They will take the photos in Africa	The photos will be taken in Africa
Be going to	They are going to take the photos in Africa	The photos are going to be taken in Africa
Future perfect	They will will have taken the photos in Africa	The photos will have been taken in Africa

A.) <u>Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Omit the agent if unnecessary.</u>

1. Mrs. Simpson is teaching us English this year.

   _____.
2. People all over the world use Instagram these days.

   _____.
3. Someone damaged a priceless painting yesterday.

   _____.
4. Nadia is going to release a new album next year.

   _____.
5. She hasn't washed her new T-shirt yet.

   _____.
6. We can see the Great Wall of China from space.

   _____.
7. Someone is designing new apps for our mobile phones.

   _____.
8. My father may donate the heirloom to a museum.

   _____.
9. Thousands of people visited the castle museum last year.

   _____.
10. They have exported Japanese porcelain to Europe since the 1800s.

    _____.

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D. Complete the text. Use the correct form of the passive.

Mobile Phones

Frequently asked questions



How many smartphones are there in the world today?

It is **0.)** *is estimated* **(estimate)** that there are 6.648 billion smartphones in the world today.

How often do people change their phones?

Mobile phones **1.)** _____ **(improve)** by companies all the time so people always want the latest model. On average, people change their phones every 18 months. This means that every year about 15 million phones **2.)** _____ **(replace)** in Britain alone.

What do people do with their old phones?

Unfortunately, thousands and thousands of phones **3.)** _____ **(already/ throw)** away which isn't good for the environment. However, more and more phones **4.)** _____ **(recycle)** these days. The recycled phones **5.)** _____ **(often / send)** to developing countries.

Will mobiles continue to be the most important device of the future?

You can do lots of things with your mobile phones. However, scientists believe that mobile phones **6.)** _____ **(replace)** by contact lenses in the future.

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