

Understanding Passive Forms in English

Passive and active sentences often have similar meanings. In passive sentences, the receiver of the action is more important and becomes the subject. Sometimes, we add "by + the agent" to show who does the action, but it's not always necessary. Here are some common passive forms:

- **Simple present passive: am/is/are + past participle**

(e.g., These products are usually imported.)

- **Simple past passive: was/were + past participle**

(e.g., The store wasn't being used until now.)

- **Present perfect passive: has/have been + past participle**

(e.g., The order has been canceled.)

- **Future passive: am/is/are going to/will + be + past participle**

(e.g., The goods will be checked before they're shipped.)

- **Present continuous passive: am/is/are + being + past participle**

(e.g., Many goods are being imported.)

- **Past continuous passive: was/were + being + past participle**

(e.g., The store wasn't being used until now.)

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank with the correct words.

1. The report _____ (write) by the manager every month.

2. The documents _____ (already/send) to the client.

3. The project _____ (complete) by the end of next week.

4. Many new products _____ (test) at the moment.

5. The results _____ (not/announce) when I called.

Word bank: are being tested, were not announced, will be completed, is written, have already been sent

Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

1. Which sentence is in the present perfect passive?

1. a) The books are sold online.
2. b) The documents have been reviewed.
3. c) The meeting was canceled.
4. d) The report will be sent.

2. Select the future passive sentence.

1. a) The products are checked.
2. b) The team was given instructions.
3. c) The contract will be signed by the CEO.
4. d) The files have been stored.

3. Which sentence is in the past continuous passive?

1. a) The results have been published.
2. b) The homework was being done by the students.
3. c) The forms are being collected now.
4. d) The decision will be made soon.

3. Choose the correct passive form for: "They are delivering the packages."

1. a) The packages is delivered.
2. b) The packages were delivered.
3. c) The packages are being delivered.
4. d) The packages have delivered.

4. Which sentence includes "by + agent" correctly?

1. a) The essay was written.
2. b) The essay was written by Maria.
3. c) The essay written by Maria.
4. d) The essay is writing by Maria.

Open-Ended Questions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Explain the difference between an active and a passive sentence. Give an example of each.

2. Write a sentence in the present continuous passive using the verb "prepare."

3. Change the active sentence to passive: "The committee will organize the event."