

Passive Voice

English Language Worksheet · 4 exercises · ~30 minutes

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How does it work?

■ ACTIVE VOICE

Tom writes a letter.



■ PASSIVE VOICE

A letter is written by Tom.

△ Formula: Subject + to be (am/is/are/was/were) + Past Participle (V3) + (by + agent)

■ Subject (who/what) ■ Verb (action) ■ Object → becomes subject in passive

Present Simple Passive

is/are + V3

"Coffee is grown in Brazil."

Past Simple Passive

was/were + V3

"The book was written in 1960."

1 Change from Active to Passive

⇒ Rewrite each sentence in the Passive Voice. Use the present simple passive.

1. ■ ACTIVE: The chef cooks delicious meals.

■ PASSIVE: Delicious meals _____ by the chef.

2. ■ ACTIVE: Scientists discover new medicines every year.

■ PASSIVE: New medicines _____ every year.

3. ■ ACTIVE: My mum cleans our house on Saturdays.

■ PASSIVE: Our house _____ on Saturdays.

4. ■ ACTIVE: The factory produces thousands of cars.

■ PASSIVE: Thousands of cars _____.

5. ■ ACTIVE: People speak English all over the world.

■ PASSIVE: English _____ all over the world.

2 Complete the passive sentences

⇒ Put the verb in the correct passive form (present or past). Use the verb in brackets.

#	Sentence	Tense clue
1	This bridge _____ (build) in 1892.	past simple passive
2	The Oscars ceremony _____ (watch) by millions every year.	present simple passive
3	"Harry Potter" _____ (write) by J.K. Rowling.	past simple passive
4	The windows _____ (clean) every week by staff.	present simple passive
5	All the cookies _____ (eat) at the party last night!	past simple passive

3 Active or Passive? Identify!

⇒ Read each sentence. Write A (Active) or P (Passive) in the box.

1. The teacher explained the grammar rule clearly. _____

2. The letter was delivered this morning. _____

3. Millions of people visit Paris every year. _____

4. The cake was eaten by my brother in five minutes! _____

5. Soccer is played by children all over the world. _____

4 Who did it? Add "by + agent"

➡ Complete these passive sentences by adding "by + the correct agent" from the box below.

 Pablo Picasso  Thomas Edison  Apple Inc.  the police  farmers

1. The electric light bulb was invented _____.

2. Guernica was painted in 1937 _____.

3. The suspect was arrested last night _____.

4. The first iPhone was launched in 2007 _____.

5. The wheat is harvested in autumn _____.



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