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## GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Week: From April 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

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### PASSIVE VOICE

#### Passive 1 (is done / was done)

A Study this example:



This house **was built** in 1961.

**Was built** is *passive*.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody **built** this house in 1961. (*active*)  
*subject*                      *object*

This house **was built** in 1961. (*passive*)  
*subject*

When we use an active verb, we say *what the subject does*:

- My grandfather was a builder. **He built** this house in 1961.
- It's a big company. **It employs** two hundred people.

When we use a passive verb, we say *what happens to the subject*:

- 'How old is this house?' 'It **was built** in 1961.'
- Two hundred people are employed** by the company.



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When we use the passive, who or what causes the action is often unknown or unimportant:

- A lot of money **was stolen** in the robbery. (somebody stole it, but we don't know who)
- Is** this room **cleaned** every day? (does somebody clean it? – it's not important who)

If we want to say who does or what causes the action, we use **by**:

- This house was built **by my grandfather**.
- Two hundred people are employed **by the company**.

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The passive is **be (is/was etc.) + past participle (done/cleaned/seen etc.)**:

(be) done (be) cleaned (be) damaged (be) built (be) seen etc.

For irregular past participles (**done/seen/known** etc.), see Appendix 1.

Study the active and passive forms of the *present simple* and *past simple*:

*Present simple*

*active* **clean(s) / see(s)** etc.

Somebody **cleans** **this room** every day.

*passive* **am/is/are + cleaned/seen** etc.

**This room** **is cleaned** every day.

- Many accidents **are caused** by careless driving.
- I'm **not invited** to parties very often.
- How **is** this word **pronounced**?

*Past simple*

*active* **cleaned/saw** etc.

Somebody **cleaned** **this room** yesterday.

*passive* **was/were + cleaned/seen** etc.

**This room** **was cleaned** yesterday.

- We **were woken** up by a loud noise during the night.
- 'Did you go to the party?' 'No, I **wasn't invited**.'
- How much money **was stolen** in the robbery?

## Exercises

42.1 Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

~~cause~~    damage    hold    invite    make  
overtake    show    surround    translate    write

- 1 Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- 2 Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ from milk.
- 3 The roof of the building \_\_\_\_\_ in a storm a few days ago.
- 4 You \_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- 5 A cinema is a place where films \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 In the United States, elections for president \_\_\_\_\_ every four years.
- 7 Originally the book \_\_\_\_\_ in Spanish, and a few years ago it \_\_\_\_\_ into English.
- 8 Although we were driving fast, we \_\_\_\_\_ by a lot of other cars.
- 9 You can't see the house from the road. It \_\_\_\_\_ by trees.



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**42.2** Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

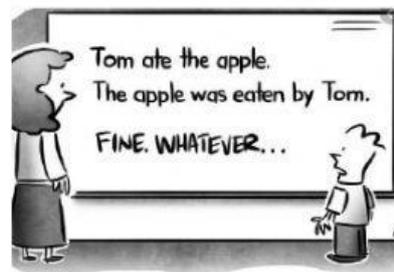
- 1 Ask about glass. (how / make?) *How is glass made?*
- 2 Ask about television. (when / invent?) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Ask about mountains. (how / form?) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Ask about antibiotics. (when / discover?) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Ask about silver. (what / use for?) \_\_\_\_\_

**42.3** Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- 1 It's a big factory. Five hundred people *are employed* (employ) there.
- 2 *Did somebody clean* (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
- 3 Water \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) most of the earth's surface.
- 4 How much of the earth's surface \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) by water?
- 5 The park gates \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- 6 The letter \_\_\_\_\_ (send) a week ago and it (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- 7 The boat hit a rock and \_\_\_\_\_ (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (rescue).
- 8 Robert's parents \_\_\_\_\_ (die) when he was very young. He and his sister \_\_\_\_\_ (bring up) by their grandparents.
- 9 I was born in London, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (grow up) in Canada.
- 10 While I was on holiday, my camera \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) from my hotel room.

**42.4** Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody, they, people** etc., write a passive sentence.

- 1 Somebody cleans the room every day. *The room is cleaned every day.*
- 2 They cancelled all flights because of fog. All \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 People don't use this road much. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Somebody accused me of stealing money. I \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How do people learn languages? How \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 People warned us not to go out alone. \_\_\_\_\_



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