The Passive

Forms

- The Present Indefinite Passive — **is (am, are) done**

This room is cleaned every other day.

- The Past Indefinite Passive — **was (were) done**

The room was cleaned on Monday.

- The Future Indefinite Passive — **will be done**

The room will be cleaned tomorrow.

- The Present Continuous Passive — **is (are) being done**

The room is being cleaned now.

- The Past Continuous Passive — **was (were) being done**

The room was being cleaned at 6 o'clock yesterday.

- The Present Perfect Passive — **have (has) been done**

The room has already been cleaned.

- The Past Perfect Passive — **had been done**

The room had been cleaned by that time.

- modals — **can** (may / might / could / should / must / have to) **be done**

!!! Если необходимо указать, кем было совершено действие, используется предлог **by.**

Чтобы показать, при помощи чего совершено действие, используется предлог **with**.

*The letter was written by a boy **with** a pencil.*

1. Complete using the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1) The Earth …… (hold) by the gravity of the Sun and orbits around it.

2) The first feature-length comedy film …… (create) by Charlie Chaplin.

3) The award for best video …….. (present) later this evening.

4) Chess …….. (play) for around two thousand years now.

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5) I don't know whether our tests …….. (mark) yet or not.

6) Radio waves …… (discover) by Marconi.

7) You wouldn't think it to look at him now, but Jack …… (bully) when he was at school.

8) Your application …….. (consider) and we will let you know as soon as we've made a decision.

9) The roof of the car can …….. (lower) by pressing this button here.

10) Two men …….. (question) at this moment by police in connection with the burglary.

2. Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice. Mind the tense.

1. Everybody loves this dish. .....

2. Have they collected all the necessary information?
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3. Nobody will ever buy such an ugly picture.
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4. The police caught this criminal a year ago.
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5. The doctor was examining a patient when I came.
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6. The noise frightened the children.
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7. We had spent all the money by the end of our vacation.
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8. Will they raise prices again? .....

9. Our neighbours are growing new flowers this year.
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10. They use this word in several meanings.
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3. Rewrite the questions in the passive voice. Mind the tense.

1. What did they say about the exam?

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2. They haven't found a way out yet.

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3. Why did they conceal the truth?

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4. My brother is still repairing his car.

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5. It turned out that Mary had organized a new show.

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6. I won't leave such important documents at the office.

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7. How many times has she used the mincer since she bought it?

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8. Did you know that they were watching you?

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9. My daughter breaks something every time she washes the dishes.

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10. She didn't make the children help her in the garden.

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4. Write one word in each gap.

It's hard for us to imagine what ..... included in the European diet before America ..... discovered ..... Colombus in 1492. So many ingredients which today ..... grown all over the world..... unknown to medieval European.

Potatoes, tomatoes, maize and chocolate ..... all originally imported from the New World. Until then, meals had ..... prepared using ingredients native to Europe, such as root vegetables. Of course, spices such as pepper ..... been traded and added to food for centuries. When the potato ..... first introduced, it was surprisingly unpopular. It

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..... considered to be poisonous and it took a long time to become common. There is a story of Parmentier, a French army officer, who got potatoes planted in the royal garden and got Marie Antoinette to wear a potato flower to make them fashionable. The poor peasants were curious about the new plants and many of them ..... stolen to be planted in their own gardens. It was the start of French fries!

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