

Passive voice or Active Voice

	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
Present Simple	<i>He delivers the letters.</i>	<i>The letters are delivered.</i>
Past Simple	<i>He delivered the letters.</i>	<i>The letters were delivered.</i>
Future Simple	<i>He will deliver the letters.</i>	<i>The letters will be delivered.</i>
Present Continuous	<i>He is delivering the letters.</i>	<i>The letters are being delivered.</i>
Past Continuous	<i>He was delivering the letters.</i>	<i>The letters were being delivered.</i>
Going to	<i>He is going to deliver the letters.</i>	<i>The letters are going to be delivered.</i>
Present Perfect	<i>He has delivered the letters.</i>	<i>The letters have been delivered.</i>
Past Perfect	<i>He had delivered the letters.</i>	<i>The letters had been delivered.</i>
Infinitive	<i>He has to deliver the letters.</i>	<i>The letters have to be delivered.</i>
Modals	<i>He must deliver the letters.</i>	<i>The letters must be delivered.</i>

Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice.

1. Someone has already paid the workers.

2. Who wrote that book?

3. They taught him Spanish and gave him a word list.

4. People say that the strike will end soon.

5. My friend offered me a job at the bank.

6. The boss asked him to leave the meeting.

7. Did the proposal interest you?

8. They will show the paintings at the exhibition until Monday.

9. They are repairing the church bells at the moment.

10. They say that the man is living in London.

11. You have never watered these plants.

12. When I entered the room, the teacher was passing out the test instructions.

13. They treat and cure people at hospitals.

14. They haven't seen him since last week.

15. Everyone says he is a great footballer.

16. The police told her that they had found her lost purse.

Fill in the correct passive form of the verb.

1. Romeo and Juliet _____ by Shakespeare. (WRITE)

2. The books _____ yet. (NOT PUBLISH)

3. As soon as I got home, I realized that my wallet _____. (STEAL)

4. Dinner _____ between 5 and 10 p.m. every day. (SERVE)

5. No letters _____ since the start of the strike. (DELIVER)

6. The building _____ torn down when we got there (BE).

7. Progress in many fields of science _____ in the last decade. (MAKE)

8. Since last week 5 of the 7 terrorists _____. (CATCH)

9. Taxes _____ by the new government next month. (INCREASE)

10. The classroom _____ next week. (REDECORATE)

11. The church _____ by a famous architect in the 18th century. (DESIGN)

12. The tunnel _____ at the moment, so it's closed for all traffic. (REPAIR)

13. My phone _____. I can't find it anywhere. (TAKE)

14. The application _____ by Friday. (MUST SEND)

15. When we first met, I had _____ a job at the bank. (ALREADY OFFER)

16. Olives _____ in Mediterranean countries. (GROW)

17. He _____ French when he spent his childhood there. (TEACH)

18. "A Hard Days Night" _____ by the Beatles. (WRITE)

19. We _____ about the hurricane for the last few days. (WARN)

20. Before the meeting was over all the food _____. (EAT)

21. I _____ extra pay this month. (ALREADY GIVE)

22. I _____ by the music so I couldn't concentrate. (DISTURB)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb. Use active or passive voice.

1. A lot of old songs _____ on the radio last week. (PLAY)
2. The President _____ about the coup in Central America. (JUST INFORM)
3. If I _____ you I wouldn't go to the meeting. (BE)
4. The bank manager told me that the house _____ for. (NOT PAY)
5. I _____ the guitar since I was in nursery school. (PLAY)
6. Margie is very happy because she _____ an engagement ring from her boyfriend. (JUST RECEIVE)
7. I _____ after the children while the garage _____. (LOOK, REPAIR)
8. When Jane came to the office, she found out that her boss _____. (ALREADY LEAVE)
9. Please don't interrupt us. We _____ an important conversation. (HAVE)
10. I reported to the police that my stamp collection _____ the week before. (STEAL)
11. A short time after the pedestrian _____ by the car the ambulance _____. (HIT, ARRIVE)
12. When Mr Kennel entered the room, emails _____ by his assistants. (TYPE)
13. Dad _____ for over three weeks. (NOT SMOKE)
14. He normally _____ up on his own but yesterday he _____ by his mom. (WAKE, WAKE)
15. They usually _____ visitors at the hospital. (NOT ALLOW)
16. All the houses in our street _____ every year during the Christmas season. (DECORATE)
17. India _____ independence in 1947. (GRANT)
18. They _____ in southern Italy since the end of the war. (LIVE)
19. I _____ a car by the garage so that I could drive home. (GIVE)
20. Tom's father is an excellent athlete. He _____ some sort of sport every day. (DO)