

8.2 Grammar

The Passive

I can understand and use the Passive.

1. You will read a text about Robben Island. How many different things has the island been used for?
 1. Prison
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Robben Island is situated nine kilometres from Cape Town. From the seventeenth to the twentieth century, the island was used as a prison. During World War II, prisoners were sent to Robben Island, but at that time **it was also being used** as a hospital. Later, Nelson Mandela was imprisoned there for eighteen years. After a total of twenty-seven years in prison, **Mandela was elected** as the first black president of South Africa.

Robben Island isn't used as a prison any more. **It has been made** into a museum and at the moment **is being promoted** as a popular tourist attraction. There is a large African penguin colony there now, but **Robben Island will always be remembered** as the place where Mandela was imprisoned.



GRAMMAR FOCUS

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- You use passive forms when it isn't important or you don't know who performed the action.
- You use *by* + person (or thing) if you want to mention who (or what) performed the action.

Tense	→ Example
Present Simple Present	→ Robben Island is situated
Continuous	→ It is being promoted
Past Simple	→ Mandela was elected
Past Continuous	→ it was being used
Present Perfect	→ It has been made
future with will	→ RI will be remembered

2. Make correct passive phrases. Mind the tenses in brackets.

1. She bought four apples. (Past Simple) Four apples were bought by her
2. We won the match. (Past Simple) _____
3. The man stole the blue car. (Past Simple) _____
4. The police arrested the thieves. (Past Simple) _____

5. They have opened a new shop. (Present Perfect) A new shop has been opened
6. Rick has interviewed the lady. (Present Perfect) _____
7. We have not sold the bike. (Present Perfect) _____
8. Tim has forgotten the sandwiches. (Present Perfect) _____

9. Henry will drive Charlie home. (Future Simple) Charlie will be driven home by Henry
10. We will not send the tickets (Future Simple) _____
11. The bus driver will take the tourists to the hotel (Future Simple) _____
12. Ella will not print invitation cards. (Future Simple) _____

13. She is reading a comic. (Present Continuous) A comic is being read by her
14. We are cleaning the kitchen. (Present Continuous) _____
15. I am opening the presents (Present Continuous) _____
16. Ema is singing a song (Present Continuous) _____