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	→ *Robben Island is situated*
Present 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 Continous) A comic is being read by her

14 We are cleaning the kitchen. (Present Continous)_____

15 I am opening the presents (Present Continous)_____

16 Ema is singing a song (Present Continous)_____