Passive Voice

We use the passive voice when we don't know who did the action or the action itself in more important.

We can only form a passive sentence from an active sentence when there is an object in the active sentence.

The passive voice is less usual than the active voice. But sometimes a statement in passive is more polite than in active voice.

The passive is formed with the verb to be and the past participle of the main verb.

Present Simple	am / is / are + past participle	The office is cleaned every day.
Past Simple	was / were + past participle	The office was cleaned at 5 o'clock.
Present Perfect	have / has been + past participle	The office has already been cleaned.
Future Simple	will be + past participle	The office will be cleaned tonight.

	Subject	Verb	Object
Active	Picasso	painted	Guernica.
Passive	Guernica (Subject)	was painted by (Verb)	Picasso. (Agent)



1 Put the sentences in the passive voice.

1. Mary shut the window because it was cold.
2. We have eaten all the bread.
3. My grandma will bake a cheesecake on Sunday.
4. The students play basketball.
5. They produce Rolls Royce in England.
6. A postman has just delivered a letter for me.
7. They will announce the winner next week.
8. Shakespeare wrote 'Romeo and Juliet'.
9. I make my bed every day.
10. Al and Sue will buy a new car next year.

2 Put the sentences in the active voice.

1. 'Titanic' was directed by James Cameron.
2. The rooms will be booked tomorrow.
3. Projectors are used at school.
4. The river has just been crossed by the kids.
5. Coke is produced by The Coca Cola Company.
6. Patrick will be operated next month.
7. The bone was eaten by the dog.
8. The poster has been hung on the wall by us.
9. Our house was built by my grandpa.
10. The songs were sung by the girls.

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb "to be".

1. Dinner _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ cooked by my father on Sundays.
2. The eggs _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ painted by the children last Easter.
3. The exam results _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ given to John next week.
4. The plants _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ watered since last weekend.
5. "A Christmas Carol" _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ written by Charles Dickens.
6. The photocopier _ _ _ _ _ already _ _ _ _ _ delivered.
7. Mercedes cars _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ manufactured in Germany.
8. The rubbish _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ taken out tomorrow morning.
9. Light bulb _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ invented by Thomas Edison.
10. A new song _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ recorded by Lady Gaga next year.

4 Are the sentences active or passive?

1. Vivaldi composed more than forty operas. _____
2. Letters are delivered every day. _____
3. Have you been informed about the meeting? _____
4. My sister types very fast. _____
5. The sink will be repaired on Thursday. _____
6. Mary has already shown me her photos from India. _____
7. I have to finish by biology project tonight. _____
8. Harry will be given a motorbike for his 18th birthday. _____
9. Tina took her dog for a walk last night. _____
10. My office is cleaned three times a week. _____
11. The computer hasn 't been used for a long time. _____
12. I often read a story to my little sister. _____
13. We haven 't paid the gas bill yet. _____
14. English is spoken in many countries. _____
15. My fiancée cooks delicious roast beef. _____



5 Order the words to make sentences.

1. Alexander Graham Bell / invented / the telephone / by / was / ?
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2. punished / behaviour / will / for / they / their / be /.
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3. six / questionnaire / out / is / months / a / every / sent / .
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4. today / the / been / cat / has / fed / ?
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5. are/ France / frog / legs / eaten / in / .
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6 Correct the mistakes.

1. The walls has been painted recently.
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2. My wallet stole on the bus yesterday.
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3. The dishes is washed by the dishwasher.
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4. A new cook book will release next month.
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5. Who America discovered by?
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6. Have the emails been send yet?
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7. Our town will visit by the Queen next week.
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8. The presents were already opened.
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9. My cat are always chased by your dog.
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10. Helen is stung by a wasp last summer.
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