

Passive Voice Practice

Part I. Complete the following sentences with passive voice in questions.

How are fried potatoes made in KFP (Kentucky Fried Potatoes)?

Interviewer: Your fried potatoes have just won the industry award for the best producer in the United States. What's behind your success?

Ken Fry: It's simple - the best potatoes, the best recipe and hard work.

Interviewer: Where? (your potatoes - grow)

Ken Fry: In our fields in Washington.

Interviewer: How? (they - store)

Ken Fry: We put them in special textile bags.

Interviewer: into small or big pieces? (your potatoes - cut)

Ken Fry: Machines cut them into very small pieces.

Interviewer: first? (the potatoes - peel)

Ken Fry: Yes, of course. Otherwise they are a bit bitter.

Interviewer:before you fry them? (they - cook)

Ken Fry: We don't cook them, we parboil them.

Interviewer: in vegetable oil? (they - fry)

Ken Fry: We always fry them in the mixture of vegetable oil and butter.

Interviewer: When? (flavourings and salt - add)

Ken Fry: We only add salt, no flavourings.

Interviewer: And before you fry them? (the salt - add)

Ken Fry: We add the salt after we fry the potatoes.

Interviewer: And my last question. How often in your family? (Kentucky Fried Potatoes - eat)

Ken Fry: Do you really want to know? We never eat them. We prefer rice and pasta.

Part II. Use the passive voice to rewrite the following sentences.

1. We use this room for our guests.

This room

2. They don't feed the lions at the zoo every day.

The lions at the zoo

3. You can open the bottle with this opener.

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4. Too many emails stress people.

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5. My parents don't give me any pocket money.

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6. Poachers kill hundreds of tigers every year.

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7. Somebody found the key.

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8. Somebody made mistakes.

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9. Somebody loved that woman.

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10. Somebody cleaned the rooms.

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11. Somebody fixed the computer.

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Part III. Write passive sentences in Simple Past

1. the test / write: The test was written.

2. the table / set :

3. the cat / feed:

4. dinner / serve
5. this computer / sell / not
6. the car / stop / not

Part IV. complete in each sentence with past tense whether they are Active or passive

1. Leonardo da Vinci (paint) painted Mona Lisa.
2. The best Whisky (make) in Scotland.
3. The flowers (water)every day.
4. He (write)me a letter last week.
5. The film (make)in Britain.
6. They (give)him a present.
7. The telephone (invent) by Bell.
8. She (phone) him every day.
9. The car (clean)once a week.
10. What (this – use)for?

Part V. Put the sentences into the passive voice in the past tense. Only use the by-agent when the subject is underlined.

1. The technicians repaired the old machines.
2. The company sold the electronic equipment all over the world.
3. Mr Johnson controlled the work processes.
4. The assistant installed a new computer.
5. Our company opened two new branches last year.
6. All computer operators read the latest computer magazine.
7. The bookshop next door sold some books about computers.

Part VI. Complete the following song with the correct lyrics.

It's been _____ and _____
Every beautiful thought's been already _____
And I guess _____ here's another one
So your _____ will play on and on, with the best of 'em
You are beautiful, like a _____ come alive, incredible
A centerfold, a miracle, lyrical
You've _____ my life again
And I want you to know baby

I, I love you like a love song, baby
I, I love you like a love song, baby
I, I love you like a love song, baby
And I keep it in re-pe-pe-peat
I, I love you like a love song, baby
I, I love you like a love song, baby
I, I love you like a love song, baby
And I keep it in re-pe-pe-peat

Constantly, boy you _____ through my mind
like a _____
There's no way to _____ what you do to me
You just do to me, what you do
And it feels like I've been _____
I've been _____ free, I am _____ by your destiny
You are magical, lyrical, beautiful
You are, and I want you to know baby

CHORUS

No one _____
You stand alone, to every record I _____
_____ to my heart that's what you are

CHORUS



Part VII. Write the parts of the sentence that are in passive voice.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____