Unit 10 Grammar

The passive 1

The passive (present simple, past simple, *will*)

Form

be in the right form + past participle

statement	negative	question
Everyone ***is invited!***	*Some people* ***aren't (are not) invited.***	***Is*** *everyone* ***invited?***

	Active	Passive
present simple	*They always invite Grandma.*	*Grandma* ***is*** *always* ***invited.***
past simple	*They invited Uncle Adrian.*	*Uncle Adrian* ***was invited.***
will	*They* ***will / won't*** *invite the neighbours.*	*The neighbours* ***will / won't be invited.***

Use	Example
When we don't know who does something	*My sister's bike* ***was stolen*** *yesterday.*
When we don't want or need to say who does something	***Was*** *Simon* ***invited?***

Helpful hints

If you are not sure how to form a passive sentence, think of the **active** sentence first.

Active sentence: **Someone stole my sister's bike yesterday.**

Passive sentence: **My sister's bike was stolen yesterday.**

- Look at the active sentence. The verb is *stole* and the object is *my sister's bike.*
- The object of the active sentence (*my sister's bike*) becomes the subject of the passive sentence.
  My sister's bike ...
- Then we need the verb *be* in the same tense as the verb in the active sentence. Here, *stole* is past simple, so we need *was.*
  My sister's bike was ...
- Then we need the past participle of the verb in the active sentence. The past participle of *steal* is *stolen.*
  My sister's bike was stolen ...
- Finally, we finish the sentence in the right way.
  My sister's bike was stolen yesterday.

Watch out!

- When the verb in a passive sentence is a phrasal verb, don't forget to include the particle.
  They ***picked up*** *the broken glass.* → *The broken glass was* ***picked up.***
- Some verbs have irregular past participle forms. See page 182.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

A **The words and phrases in bold in each sentence are wrong. Write the correct word or phrase.**

1 Every year, several prizes are **giving** to the best students. .....
2 When the pizza was **delivering**, it was cold. .....
3 You will be **telling** when you can come in. .....
4 That song **doesn't** played on the radio very often, is it? .....
5 **Your money was stealing** out of your bag? .....
6 We **haven't** allowed to use a dictionary in the exam yesterday. .....
7 That film won't **have** shown in our local cinema for a long time. .....
8 **I will be** picked up from the station on Saturday? .....

B **Complete using the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 When people ..... (**arrest**), they ..... (**take**) to the police station.
2 Milk ..... (**usually / keep**) in the fridge.
3 ..... (**we / tell**) what's in next week's test?
4 How did people communicate over long distances before the phone ..... (**invent**)?
5 ..... (**you / allow**) to come to the party next Saturday?
6 You ..... (**give**) your exam results next Monday.
7 ..... (**Aidan's bike / find**) yesterday?

C **Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use the correct passive form of the verbs in the box. Add any other words you need.**

call • catch • find • investigate • rob • send



1 At ten o'clock yesterday morning, the local bank in the high street ..... .
2 At one minute past ten, the police ..... .
3 A few minutes later, the police arrived at the bank. The crime scene ..... .
4 At twenty past ten, the robbers' fingerprints ..... .
5 At half past eleven, the robbers ..... .
6 Next week, they ..... .

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D **Answer the questions using your own ideas.**

1 Where are cars usually fixed?
They ..... .

2 Where will the next Olympic Games be held?
They ..... .

3 Who are Oscars usually awarded to?
They ..... .

4 What are you not allowed to do at school?
I .....

5 What were you given for your birthday last yea
I .....

6 What will you be given for your next birthday?
I'll probably .....

E **Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words.**

1 Will they send the letters first class? **sent**
Will ..... first class?

2 I'm not sure if they eat pizza in China. **is**
I'm not sure if ..... in China.

3 Someone told me that they don't make cars in the UK anymore. **made**
Someone told me that ..... in the UK anymore.

4 Do they usually feed the animals three times a day? **fed**
Are ..... three times a day?

5 Mr Jones is ill, so he won't give us a geography test today! **be**
Mr Jones is ill, so ..... a geography test today!

6 Did they take her to hospital in an ambulance? **she**
Was ..... to hospital in an ambulance?

F **Write one word in each gap.**

The National Trust

There are lots of beautiful, large houses in Britain. Many of them (**1**) ..... built hundreds of years ago. In the past, they (**2**) ..... owned by very rich families. Today, many of them (**3**) ..... owned by an organisation called The National Trust, which (**4**) ..... created to look after them. The houses (**5**) ..... kept in perfect condition, and visitors (**6**) ..... allowed to look round them. It's interesting to learn how different life was in an old house. Milk was (**7**) ..... kept in the fridge, because they didn't have fridges! Washing machines (**8**) ..... only invented very recently, so washing (**9**) ..... done by hand. In some cases, the house (**10**) ..... still lived in today. When this happens, visitors (**11**) ..... only shown part of the house. The private rooms (**12**) ..... kept closed to the public. These houses often have beautiful gardens, too. The gardens (**13**) ..... looked after by professional gardeners.

You usually have to pay to look round National Trust houses. Members of the National Trust (**14**) ..... given a discount. This year, millions of people (**15**) ..... be given the chance to see what life in an old country house was like.

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