passives: introduction *English is spoken in Australia.*

When **A** does something to **B**, there are often two ways to talk about it: 'active' and 'passive'.
We use active verbs if we want **A** to be the **subject**.
We use **passive** verbs if we want **B** to be the **subject**.
We make **passive** verbs with *be* (*am, are, is* etc) + **past participle** (*cooked, seen* etc).



ACTIVE				PASSIVE			
A		**B**		**B**		**(by A)**	
Mrs Harris	*cooks*	*our meals.*		*Our meals*	***are cooked***	*by Mrs Harris.*	
Andrew	*broke*	*the window.*		*The window*	***was broken***	*by Andrew.*	
Somebody	*saw*	*her*	*in Belfast.*	*She*	***was seen***		*in Belfast.*
The government	*will close*	*the hospital*	*next year.*	*The hospital*	***will be closed***		*next year.*

Passive verbs have the **same tenses** (simple present, present progressive, present perfect etc) as active verbs.

Note the use of ***by*** in passives, to say **who** or **what** does the action.
Our meals are cooked ***by Mrs Harris.*** (NOT …~~*from Mrs Harris.*~~)

Which picture goes with which sentence?

▶ The policeman helped the old lady. ...A...
1 The policeman was helped by the old lady. .....
2 The car hit a tree. .....
3 The car was hit by a tree. .....
4 Annie loves all dogs. .....
5 Annie is loved by all dogs. .....
6 The Queen photographed the tourists. .....
7 The Queen was photographed by the tourists. .....

A 

B 

C 

D 

E 

F 

G 

H 

Circle the correct answer.

1 English *speaks / spoken / is spoken* in Australia.
2 I *studied / was studied* French for three years at school.
3 We *spent / was spent* too much money on holiday.
4 This window *broke / was broken* by your little boy.
5 Her clothes *made / are made* in Paris.
6 This book *written / was written* by my brother.
7 The new university *will open / will opened / will be opened* by the Prime Minister.
8 Ann *was driving / was driven* much too fast, and she *stopped / was stopped* by the police.
9 This house *built / was built* in 1800.
10 Everybody *had / was had / was have* a good time at the party.

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simple present passive *We are woken by the birds.*

+	*I* **am** *woken*	*you* **are** *woken*	*he/she/it* **is** *woken* etc
?	**am** *I woken?*	**are** *you woken?*	**is** *he/she/it woken?* etc
−	*I* **am not** *woken*	*you* **are not** *woken*	*he/she/it* **is not** *woken* etc

We use the **simple present passive** like the simple present active, for things that are **always true**, and things that happen **all the time, repeatedly, often, sometimes, never** etc

I ***am paid*** *every two weeks.* *Is Jeremy* ***liked*** *by the other children?* *Stamps* ***aren't sold*** *here.*

Complete the sentences with *am/are/is*.

▶ A lot of paper ...is..... made from wood.
1 What ..... this called in English?
2 Jane ..... paid on the first of every month.
3 I ..... often sent to the Singapore office.
4 ..... any classes taught on Wednesdays?
5 More chocolate ..... eaten in the US than in any other country.
6 Not very much ..... known about Shakespeare's childhood.
7 We ..... woken by the birds every morning.
8 ..... you seen by the same doctor every week?

Put simple present passive verbs into these sentences.

▶ A lot of olive oil ...is used..... in Greek cooking. (*use*)
1 Arabic ..... from right to left. (*write*)
2 Those programmes ..... by millions of people every week. (*watch*)
3 Stamps ..... in most newsagents in Britain. (*sell*)
4 The police say that nothing ..... about the child's family. (*know*)
5 In English, 'ough' ..... in a lot of different ways. (*pronounce*)
6 Spanish ..... in Peru. (*speak*)
7 Cricket ..... by two teams of eleven players. (*play*)
8 Our windows ..... once a month. (*clean*)

Make simple present negatives and questions.

▶ 'Those computers ...are not made..... in America.' (*not make*)
'Where ...are they made?.....' 'In China.'
1 'My name ..... with a Y.' (*not spell*)
'How .....' 'L, E, S, L, I, E.'
2 'That kind of bird ..... around here, usually.' (*not see*)
'Where .....' 'In warmer countries.'
3 'Where ..... like *were*.' (*not pronounce*)
'How .....' 'Like *wear*.'
4 'Diamonds ..... in Scotland.' (*not find*)
'Where .....' 'In South Africa, for example.'
5 'My sister ..... very well.' (*pay*)
'How much .....' 'I don't remember.'

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