Introducción a la Voz Pasiva

En las siguientes frases, la persona o cosa responsable de la acción es

- desconocido: *Someone stole my bicycle yesterday*
- obvio: *They arrested the terrorist early this morning.*
- sin importancia: *Someone servíces the car every year.*

A veces, quién o qué provoca una acción no es importante, y nos interesa más lo que le ocurre a una cosa o a una persona. En las situaciones anteriores, la información importante se refiere a la bicicleta, al hombre, y al coche, y a lo que les ocurre o les ha ocurrido. **Podemos resaltar esto—el resultado—utilizando la voz pasiva.**

La voz pasiva se forma con el verbo *be* + el participio pasado. Colocamos la bicicleta, el hombre y el coche al principio de la frase como sujeto (para darle importancia).

*My bicycle **was** **stolen** yesterday.*

*The terrorist **was** **arrested** early this morning.*

*The car **is** **serviced** every year.*

El tiempo verbal del verbo *be* cambia para formar los distintos tiempos verbales en la voz pasiva.

Si es necesario, puedes utilizar *by* para indicar quién o qué es el responsable de la acción.

Don Quixote was written by Cervantes.

The equipment is damaged by exposure to water.

La voz pasiva es más habitual en el inglés escrito que en el hablado. Suena formal e impersonal y, por este motivo, se utiliza a menudo en

- reportes de crimenes o trámites legales: *He was sentenced to two years in prison.*
- noticias de prensa: *63 people were killed and 45 were injured in the accident.*
- artículos científicos: *Three millilitres of water are added to the mixture*
- anuncios: *Flight 18 302 to London is de/ayed by two hours.*
- avisos: *Customers are requested not to smoke.*

Empecemos por identificar la voz pasiva cuando la veas o la oigas. Lee las frases y escribe todos los ejemplos de voz pasiva. Hay un ejemplo.

a) *Great Expectations* was written by Charles Dickens. He also wrote *David Copperfield, Oliver Twist* and many other popular books. *was written*

b) Shampoo is tested on animals before it *is* sold in shops. This is because it might be dangerous for humans. _____

c) The rainforests are disappearing, so most newspapers are printed on recycled paper. _____

d) A new sports stadium is being built in London. _____

e) Toyota cars are made in Japan. They are more environmentally friendly than other cars. _____

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f) The city of Atlantis has never been found, but many people are still looking for it. _____

g) *Star Wars* was directed by George Lucas. It is one of the most popular films ever made. _____

h) Football was invented in England and is now played all over the world. _____

i) The Taj Mahal was built in the 17th century but nobody is sure who designed it. _____

j) Chinese New Year is celebrated in January or February, depending on the moon. _____

Ahora práctica. Cambia las siguientes frases de la voz activa a la pasiva. Utiliza el presente simple.

a People speak English in Australia. English is spoken in Australia.

b They sell mineral water in plastic bottles. .....

c People don't use this room very often. .....

d The postman delivers the letters at 08.00. .....

e They are cleaning the classrooms now. .....

f People use the Internet all over the world. .....

g They are repairing the road at the moment. .....

h The teacher is marking the tests. .....

i They aren't using the computer. .....

j He is doing the washing up. .....

Cambia las siguientes frases de la voz activa a la pasiva. Utiliza el tiempo pasado simple.

a They postponed the match. The match was postponed.

b They built this house a hundred years ago. .....

c Did anyone answer your e-mail? .....

d Someone found this wallet in the street. .....

e A teacher wrote this workbook last year. .....

f They included VAT in the bill. .....

g They were building the metro when we were there. .....

h Someone was locking the doors when we arrived. .....

i He gave me a test. .....

j Someone woke us up early. .....

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Escribe frases en voz pasiva siguiendo las indicaciones. Empareja las fechas de los acontecimientos históricos. Hay un ejemplo.

1939 1919 1963 1961 1912 1981 1953 1941 ~~1990~~

Nelson Mandela

Third Extra

THE LIGHT

JFK SHOT TO DEATH!

CONNALLY WOUNDED

Hidden Assassin Used Rifle

DALLAS (AP)—President John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, was shot to death today by a hidden assassin armed with a high-powered rifle.

Connally Denies 'Real' Rift

82th Garner Birthday

a Nelson Mandela / free Nelson Mandela was freed in 1990.

b Kennedy / assassinate

c Everest / first / climb

d The Titanic / sink / iceberg

e Second World War / declare

f Atlantic / first / cross / plane

g Pearl Harbour / attack

h A man / launch / into space for the first time

i The first IBM 'PC' / sell

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