Learn English

PASSIVE VOICE

STRUCTURE: SUBJECT+ VERB TO BE+ PAST PARTICIPLE

• Present Simple: am / is / are + Past Participle	• Active: People speak English all over the world. • Passive: English is spoken all over the world.
• Past Simple: was / were + Past Participle	• Active: Shakespeare wrote Hamlet. • Passive: Hamlet was written by Shakespeare.
• Present Continuous: am / is / are + being + Past Participle	• Active: They are building a new hospital. • Passive: A new hospital is being built.
• Past Continuous: was / were + being + Past Participle	• Active: Someone was cleaning the room when I arrived. • Passive: The room was being cleaned when I arrived.
• Present Perfect: have / has + been + Past Participle	• Active: Somebody has stolen my bike. • Passive: My bike has been stolen.
• Future Simple (will): will + be + Past Participle	• Active: The company will launch the product next month. • Passive: The product will be launched next month.
• Modal Verbs (can, must, should, etc.): modal + be + Past Participle	• Active: You must finish the report today. • Passive: The report must be finished today.

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1 Fill in the blanks



1. Millions of emails _____ **(send)** every single day. (Present Simple)
2. The Mona Lisa _____ **(paint)** by Leonardo da Vinci in the 16th century. (Past Simple)
3. Look! The street _____ **(repair)** right now, so we have to take another route. (Present Continuous)
4. All the cookies _____ **(eat)** before I got to the kitchen. (Past Simple)
5. A new shopping mall _____ **(open)** in the city center next year. (Future - will)
6. The invitations _____ **(already / send)** to all the guests. (Present Perfect)

2 Matching

1. The thief was caught...	A. ...must be kept in the fridge.
2. Fresh milk and yogurt...	B. ...will be announced tomorrow morning.
3. The winners of the contest...	C. ...by the police two hours after the robbery.

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4. Our house was being painted... D. ...has been translated into over 50 languages.

5. This famous novel... E. ...while we were on vacation in Spain.

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Choose the correct option (A, B, or C)

1. English _____ all over the world.
   - A) speaks
   - B) is spoken
   - C) spoke
2. The telephone _____ by Alexander Graham Bell.
   - A) invented
   - B) is invented
   - C) was invented
3. Look at that car! It _____ right now.
   - A) is washed
   - B) is being washed
   - C) washes
4. A new hospital _____ in our town next year.
   - A) will be built
   - B) will build
   - C) is built
5. Homework _____ before you go out to play.
   - A) must finish
   - B) must be finished
   - C) finished



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Choose the correct option

1. The telephone **invented / was invented** by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876.
2. Heavy rain **has delayed / has been delayed** all the flights this morning.
3. The museum **visits / is visited** by thousands of tourists every year.
4. Somebody **stole / was stolen** my wallet while I

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was on the bus.

5. These cars **make / are made** in Germany.
6. The dinner **will prepare / will be prepared** by a professional chef.

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Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of passive voice.

People speak Portuguese in Brazil.

· Portuguese...

_____

Someone has cleaned the windows.

· The windows...

_____



They are building a new bridge over the river.

· A new bridge...

_____

You should water these plants twice a week.

· These plants...

_____

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