

The Passive Voice

EXERCISES

1. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple.

- a. English _____ (speak) in many countries.
- b. The post _____ (deliver) at about 7 o'clock every morning.
- c. _____ (the building/use) anymore?
- d. How often _____ (the Olympic Games/hold)?
- e. How _____ (your name/spell)?

2. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple.

- a. My car _____ (repair) last week.
- b. This song _____ (not write) by John Lennon.
- c. The film _____ (make) ten years ago.
- d. When _____ (tennis/invent)?
- e. The car _____ (not damaged) in the accident.

3. Change the following sentences into passive sentences using the words in brackets.

- a. We sell tickets for all shows at the Box Office. (Tickets for all shows/sell/at the Box Office)

- b. Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb. (The electric light bulb/invent/by Thomas Edison)

- c. Someone painted the office last week. (The office/paint/last week)

- d. Several people saw the accident. (The accident/see/by several people)

- e. Where do they make these video recorders? (Where/these video recorders/make)

4. Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

a. Someone built this house 200 years ago.

b. A thief stole my purse.

c. They produce cars in this factory.

d. People throw away tones of rubbish every day.

e. They make coffee in Brazil.
