



The Passive Voice

A passive sentence consist of;

- The subject
- The verb to be in the correct tense.
- The past participle of the verb needed.
- Sometimes, the agent and/or other complements

Subject + verb + "to be" + Past participle

The Active Voice tells us what the subject of a sentence does or did.

The Passive Voice creates a new subject. We use the passive voice when we want to emphasize **who** does or did an action.



Present and Past Passive Structures

Simple Present Passive

am/is/are + past participle (+ by + noun)

Simple Past Passive

was/were + past participle (+ by + noun)

Here are Some Examples

Simple Present Passive

Active Voice

The teacher explains the tasks.

subject

Object

Passive Voice

The tasks are explained by the teacher

Subject

Agent (optional)

Simple Past Passive

Active voice

The teacher explained the tasks.

Subject

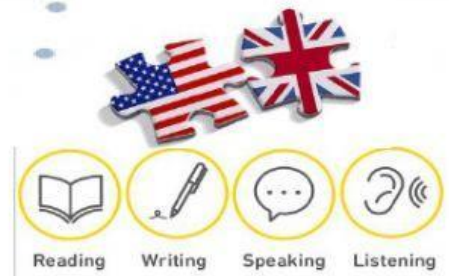
Object

Passive voice

The tasks were explained by the teacher

Subject

Agent (optional)



Rewrite the sentences in Passive voice.

1. The electricians test the fire alarm.
2. Levi Strauss invented the blue jeans.
3. The teacher doesn't close the window.
4. Frank takes photos.
5. My friend bought a new car.
6. Julia rescued three cats.
7. The students hand in the reports.
8. David cleans the kitchen every morning.
9. Alex didn't learn the poem.
10. Helen doesn't set the table.
11. The technician didn't repair the DVD recorder.
12. The gardener trims the bushes.
13. Jacky and Carol ate all the cakes.
14. My grandfather built this house in 1943.
15. The teacher doesn't forget the students' homework.



Put in the correct form of the verb in Passive into the gaps. Use the verb and the tense given in brackets.

1. The tasks _____ by the teacher today. (*explain - Simple Present*)
2. Three gifts _____ the day before yesterday. (*send - Simple Past*)
3. This car _____. It's too old. (*not / steal - Simple Past*)
4. The turkey _____ on Christmas day. (*roast - Simple Present*)
5. The flowers _____ every day. (*water - Simple Present*)
6. The book _____ by my friend last Sunday. (*buy - Simple Past*)
7. The dishes _____ by my little brother. (*not / wash - Simple Past*)
8. The report _____ by Robert. (*hand in - Simple Present*)

Form sentences in Passive. Put the words in the correct order.

spoken French and English are in Canada
1. _____

at 10 pm were locked the doors
2. _____

stolen last night his bike was
3. _____

oranges in winter weren't picked
4. _____

is in France cheese best the produced
5. _____