

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

1. Write A (active) and P (passive) next to each of the following sentences:

- a) Steven has been to China twice. ____
- b) Lacrosse is played in the USA and Canada. ____
- c) I watched a film in original version yesterday. ____
- d) Polars bear will be protected by Greenpeace crusaders. ____
- e) Joan has been sent to London as a press correspondent. ____
- f) They are listening to their teacher. ____
- g) The cyclist was hurt as a consequence of the accident. ____
- h) Tea is grown in many parts of Asia. ____
- i) Today many apps are used to shop on the mobile. ____
- j) Lots of islands will disappear under the water if the Poles melt. ____

2. Transform these sentences into passive:

- a) Mary tidies her room every day.

- b) Someone stole the money from the auction last night.

- c) The teacher locks the classroom at the end of the day.

- d) "Elle" sells two million issues of their magazine every month.

- e) You must wear a helmet in the tourist visit to the mine.

f) The company will offer Mary a promotion because of her great skills.

g) Hedy Lamarr invented wifi spectrum in 1940.

h) Mary didn't find her keys after the match.

i) You can't recycle all plastic containers.

j) Last summer my cousin made a caricature of me.

3. Write these sentences into the passive voice by using two different structures:

a) The school gave Peter a special diploma for his excellent results.

1. _____

2. _____

b) The travel agent asked the customer some questions about their holiday destination.

1. _____

2. _____

c) Alan brought Fred a special souvenir from Hawaii.

1. _____

2. _____

d) The tourist guide told us a fascinating story about the ancient castle..

1. _____

2. _____

e) Ann didn't send me a tweet yesterday.

1. _____

2. _____

e) Meghan sold the apartment to an English film producer.

1. _____

2. _____

f) Fred always tells Ian the stock exchange balance.

1. _____

2. _____

g) My sister will give her husband a special present for their wedding anniversary.

1. _____

2. _____

h) Martin teaches Gaelic to primary school kids in Cork.

1. _____

2. _____

i) Martina asked the librarian the title of Franzen's new novel.

1. _____

2. _____

4. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form of the passive:

- a) The post _____(deliver) around eight every morning.
- b) *Frankenstein* _____(write) by Mary Shelley in 1818.
- c) The money _____(steal) last night.
- d) The office _____(lock) every evening.
- e) The car _____(repair) by four o'clock tomorrow.

5. Choose the correct answer:

- 1. The new products were introduced / are introduced last month.
- 2. Fresh vegetables isn't delivered / aren't delivered to the local shop every day.
- 3. Today, advertising is used / was used by companies to increase their sales.
- 4. I bought that computer after it advertised / was advertised in the local newspaper.
- 5. I wasn't tempted / are not tempted to buy the shoes because they were quite ugly.

6. Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple Passive or Past Simple Passive.

The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul is one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world. It ¹ (call) the Kapalicarsi in Turkish and it has got 60 streets with 5,000 shops. The bazaar ² (visit) by between 250,000 and 400,000 people every day. Construction of the bazaar ³ (begin) in 1455 and it opened in 1461. Its buildings ⁴ (damage) many times by fires and earthquakes, but each time they ⁵ (build) again. Many different kinds of goods ⁶ (sell) there today, like jewellery, ceramics, carpets and spices. Many people ⁷ (attract) by the antique shops where you can buy old furniture, watches, clocks and coins. It is easy to get lost in the bazaar, but once you find what you are looking for, you don't have to walk far. The bazaar ⁸ (organise) so that all the shops that sell the same products are in the same area.

7. Write sentences with the words below. Use the passive (Present , Past or Future):

1. the house / paint / by Jake / next week / .

2. the dishes / wash / by my sister / an hour ago / .

3. the homework / check / in every lesson / ?

5. environmental issues / solve / by governments/ in a not distant future.

5. a new hotel / open /by an American chain/ in two months.

6. Complaints / should send/ to the head office.

7. Tea / discover / by Chinese Emperor Shen Nung/ in 2737 BC.
