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WORKSHEET 1



The Passive 1

- The **passive** expresses what happens to the subject. **By** shows who does the action.


Active
The girl made the sandcastle.
Passive
The sandcastle was made by the girl.

- It uses the form **be + (not) + past participle**.

| Subject | Be + (not) + Past Participle | By + Agent |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| The puppies | are (not) raised | by their mother. |
| The letter | was (not) written | by me. |

- Common past participles

| Present | Past | Past Participle | Present | Past | Past Participle |
|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|-------|-----------------|
| play | played | played | give | gave | given |
| invite | invited | invited | see | saw | seen |
| sell | sold | sold | break | broke | broken |
| build | built | built | steal | stole | stolen |
| find | found | found | hit | hit | hit |

The Passive 2

- We don't use **by** when we don't know who does an action or it is not important to mention it.



My jewelry was stolen (by someone).
(We don't know who stole the jewelry.)



The car was repaired (by a mechanic).
(It is not important who repaired the car.)



I. Match the active sentences with the passive sentences

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Anne painted the picture. | • | • I was hit by a soccer ball. |
| 2. A soccer ball hit me. | • | • The picture was painted by Anne. |
| 3. My mom made the cake. | • | • The cake was made by my mom. |
| 4. Tim didn't invite Jake. | • | • Jake wasn't invited by Tim. |

II. Choose the correct words to make meaningful sentences

1. The subway (uses / is used) by many people.
2. The tree (damaged / was damaged) by lightning last night.
3. The children (didn't play / weren't played) the game.
4. He (wrote / is written) a book for children.

III. Look at the underline words and choose the wrong sentence

1. ① The problem was caused by her mistake.
⑥ The tree was damaged by a storm.
⑤ The designer was made by a dress.
④ The treasure was discovered by a sailor.
2. ④ Our house was painted last year.
⑥ Someone was written this story long ago.
⑤ The man was taken to the hospital.
④ Bach is called the “father of music.”
3. ④ They visited my family last week.
⑥ I found her ring under the table.
⑤ He stopped by a police officer on the street.
④ She introduced me to the students.

IV. Choose and complete the sentences

find hold make send build

1. The most beautiful dresses _____ in Italy these days.
2. The email _____ to me a few days ago.
3. This building _____ last year.
4. Many coins _____ under the vending machine yesterday.
5. The meeting _____ once a month. It is always interesting.



I. Read and complete the passive sentences

1. Edison invented the light bulb.
→ The light bulb _____ by Edison.
2. People speak English in many countries.
→ English _____ (by people) in many countries.
3. Lewis Carroll wrote *Alice in Wonderland*.
→ *Alice in Wonderland* _____ by Lewis Carroll.
4. Many farmers grow oranges in California.
→ Oranges _____ (by many farmers) in California.
5. They collect the trash every Tuesday.
→ The trash _____ (by them) every Tuesday.

II. Write the passive sentences

1. My sister repaired my laptop. _____
2. Many people visit the beaches. _____
3. Andy played the song. _____
4. Heavy snow blocked the road. _____
5. Gordon didn't make this pie. _____
6. He didn't design the clothes. _____

III. Choose and complete the sentences

score speak deliver make sell spend

1. The package _____ to me yesterday.
2. The painting _____ for \$10,000 last Friday.
3. The goal _____ by my friend Steve in the last game.
4. Many cookies _____ for the party yesterday.
5. Spanish _____ in Mexico.
6. A lot of money _____ on the project last year.

IV. Complete the passive sentences

1. **make** The movie _____ in Canada last year.
2. **build** The buildings _____ 10 years ago.
3. **give** The prize _____ to a great writer every year.
4. **post** Notices _____ on the website every Monday.
5. **not / invite** She _____ to the audition yesterday.
6. **not / cancel** The meeting _____ yesterday.