

THE PASSIVE – PRACTICE

Write the missing sentences.

<u>Active:</u>	<u>Passive:</u>
(1) They clean the room every day.	
(2)*	The room is being cleaned now.
(3)	The room was cleaned yesterday.
(4)*	The room was being cleaned yesterday at 6 p.m.
(5) They have just cleaned the room.	
(6)	The room will be cleaned tomorrow.
(7) They are going to clean the room.	
(8)	The room should be cleaned .
(9) They have to clean the room.	

Complete the following passive voice sentences in the tenses suggested.

- (1) **Present**
This picture (always admire)
- (2) **Past**
His leg (hurt) in an accident.
- (3) **Present with SHOULD**
This exercise (do) very carefully.
- (4) **Present Perfect**
The box (not open) for the last hundred years.
- (5) **Past**
The Tower of London (formerly use) as a prison.
- (6) **Present Perfect**
Two of my dinner plates (break)
- (7) **'WILL' Future**
This play (forget) in a few years' time.
- (8) **Past**
The bridge (build) last year.
- (9) **Past**
A big battle (fight) here 200 years ago.
- (10) **Present Perfect**
You (invite) to lunch tomorrow.

Rewrite each sentence so that it means the same as the sentence on the left.

- (0) Someone has killed Lord Wessex. **Lord Wessex has been killed.**
- (1) Someone found the body in the study a few hours ago.
The body ...
- (2) The murderer committed the murder at around midnight.
The murder ...
- (3) The butler saw two strangers near the house.
Two strangers ...
- (4) *The police are questioning the butler.
The butler ...
- (5) No one has seen the younger son for three weeks.
The younger son ...
- (6) The family last saw the elder son two years ago.
The elder son ...
- (7) Everyone will sadly miss Lord Wessex.
Lord Wessex ...

Read and complete. Use the Past Simple.

- (0) The toothbrush / invent / in the 15th century. **The toothbrush was invented in the 15th century.**
- (1) The first public basketball game / play / in 1892.
- (2) The first eyeglasses / wear / in the 1200s.
- (3) The first bicycle / ride / in 1971.
- (4) The first hot dog / eat / in the 1860s.
- (5) The first electric guitar / play / in 1923.
- (6) The first computer mouse / use / in 1964.
- (7) The first CDs / sell / in the 1980s.

Make the active sentences passive.

- (0) The cold weather damaged the plants. **The plants were damaged by the cold weather.**
- (1) He broke his leg in a skiing accident.
- (2) The wind blew down dozens of trees.
- (3) Someone has stolen my watch.
- (4) The voters re-elected the President.
- (5) The chambermaid hasn't cleaned my room.
- (6) They won't change this law until 2010.
- (7) They built 15 new hospitals last year.
- (8) A British girl has won the tennis championship.
- (9) They murdered 24,000 people in the USA last year.

Make the passive sentences active.

- (0) Plastic bags are sometimes thrown into the sea by tourists.
Tourists sometimes throw plastic bags into the sea.
- (1) Plastic bags are sometimes eaten by turtles, because they look like jellyfish.
- (2) In some countries, turtles are caught by fishermen for food.
- (3) In some countries, dead turtles are sold to tourists by souvenir shop owners.
- (4) Live turtles are imported illegally by some rich countries.
- (5) Live turtles are sold by pet shop owners.
- (6) Turtles are poisoned by chemical waste in the sea.

Put the verbs into the correct tense of the passive voice.

- (1) Every year lots of new hotels (build) on the coast.
- (2) Thousands of animals (kill) for their fur every year.
- (3) Fur coats (wear) by people in many countries.
- (4) Oil (carry) across the world by large tankers.
- (5) The sea (pollute) when oil tankers sink.
- (6) Not long ago lions and tigers (hunt)
- (7) Now many of them (look after) in reserves.
- (8) Too many fish (take) from the North Sea last year.
- (9) In the future they (protect) by international law.

Put the following verbs into the passive voice. Use the present continuous.

- (1) My car (service) this week.
- (2) Our friends (take) to the gallery now.
- (3) The hens (feed) by the farmer's wife.
- (4) My sister (cure) by the doctor.
- (5) My tooth (fix) by the dentist.
- (6) Lunch (cook) by my mother.
- (7) Tea (drink) by my friends.

Look at the picture and read the sentences, then write them down as passive sentences.



- (0) Someone has wrecked the kitchen.
- (1) The cat has spilt the milk.
- (2) Someone has eaten the cake.
- (3) Someone has burnt the toast.
- (4) No-one has closed the fridge door.
- (5) Someone threw the fruit on the floor.
- (6) No-one has washed the dishes.
- (7) Someone has broken a cup.
- (8) Someone has left the kitchen in a horrible mess.
- (9) Perhaps the children have done it.
- (10) Their mother will shout at them.

The kitchen has been wrecked.

Make passive sentences. Use the past simple.

- (0) The cows / not feed / by the farmer / this morning. **The cows weren't fed by the farmer this morning.**
- (1) My son's trousers / tear / last week.
- (2) A pair of socks / put on / by me.
- (3) Breakfast / make / for her husband.
- (4) Some friends of ours / meet / in the park.
- (5) A mountain / climb / last week.

Make passive sentences. Use the past continuous. Use the past continuous.

- (0) Sheila – call – by her mother. **Sheila was being called by her mother.**
- (1) I – touch – by his hands.
- (2) He – ask – for help.
- (3) Tea – serve – all time.
- (4) The painting – admire – by him.
- (5) The novel – write – by her.

Put the following verbs into the passive voice. Use the present perfect.

- (1) The rules (not write) yet.
- (2) The film (produce) recently.
- (3) My heart (break).
- (4) Your mother (take) to hospital.
- (5) The railway station (rebuild).
- (6) Your life (save).
- (7) A lot (change) since I last visited my home town.

Put the following sentences into the passive voice. Use "will-future".

- (1) She'll make some space for you.
- (2) He'll touch your lips gently.
- (3) He'll write an article for the local newspaper.
- (4) I won't move my eyes.
- (5) Helen will do some important work.

Make questions in the passive voice. Use the going to future.

- (1) Why – a boat – hire?
- (2) When – your work – finish – today?
- (3) Why – the machine – sell?
- (4) Why – the little girl – send – abroad?
- (5) What – say – about our plans?

Put the following sentences into the passive voice.

- (0) We eat soup with every lunch. **Soup is eaten with every lunch.**
- (1) I often send him a gift.
- (2) You give me everything I need.
- (3) People speak English all over the world.
- (4) We visit our mother every weekend.
- (5) I study biology in London.

Put the following sentences into the passive voice.

- (0) I often do the shopping at this shop. **My shopping is often done at this shop.**
- (1) Harry never does his homework.
- (2) She always does the washing up.
- (3) They grow tomatoes in their garden.
- (4) We produce motorbikes in our factory.
- (5) He always repairs his car.

Make passive sentences. Use the present simple.

- (0) Our dog – feed – every six hours. **Our dog is fed every six hours.**
- (1) Her house – clean – twice a week.
- (2) My brother – take – to school – every morning.
- (3) A new house – build – here – every year.
- (4) A lot of letters – write – to him.
- (5) People – often – warn – by them.

Put the following sentences into the passive voice. Use the present simple.

- (1) At the zoo animals (keep) in their cages.
- (2) German generally (speak) in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- (3) My clothes (wash) every week.
- (4) He (not treat) well by them.
- (5) Tom (force) to do that work again.
- (6) A good footballer (need) in our team.
- (7) Good workers (want) in this factory.
- (8) She (pay) very well.
- (9) I (depress) by my job.
- (10) A lot of sand (wash) away by the river.

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Make sentences passive. Use the present simple.

- (1) She only prepares fast food.
- (2) You make good paintings.
- (3) I always do everything for you.
- (4) It makes a lot of noise.
- (5) We drink coffee with every meal.

Insert the missing verb and put it into the passive voice. Use the present simple.

SPEAK	SELL	DRINK	USE	THROW	CLOSE	MAKE	SEND	DO	GIVE
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- (1) Litter all over the streets.
- (2) Frenchin France.
- (3) Mistakes often in such sentences.
- (4) These magazines all over the world.
- (5) She some advice by her mother every day.
- (6) Fresh water with different meals.
- (7) Books everywhere.
- (8) Dictionaries when doing homework.
- (9) Nothing ever to make our life better.
- (10) The bank at 7 pm every day.

Make sentences passive. Use the past simple.

- (1) I bought a pair of jeans yesterday.
- (2) We took our dog out for a walk.
- (3) You solved all your problems.
- (4) I left the plate on the table.
- (5) They built a large ship.

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