

Passive Voice



TASK A. Are the sentences written in Active or Passive voice?

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| 1. Steven likes to play basketball.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 2. He lost his keys yesterday.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 3. A letter was written.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice |
| 4. They often read e-mails.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 5. Bingo is played in Britain.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 6. A book is written by John.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice |
| 7. The building was given a new name.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 8. The president traveled yesterday.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 9. Lots of houses were destroyed.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice |
| 10. French is spoken in Niger.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 11. You often come late.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 12. This room has been painted blue.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice |
| 13. The report must be completed by next Friday.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 14. I am given a book.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice | 15. People play soccer in Australia.
● Active Voice
● Passive Voice |

TASK B. Rewrite the sentences in ACTIVE VOICE. Follow the example:

- The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. _____
- Football is played by the children. _____
- The child was hit by a car. _____
- The bag was packed by his mother. _____
- The club was founded by Ron and Peggy. _____
- The computer is used by Patrick. _____
- The bank was robbed by gangsters yesterday. _____
- This book was written by an Irishman. _____
- Coffee is sold by Marie. _____
- The exercise is completed by the teacher. _____

TASK C. Make correct passive phrases using the the tenses in brackets:

1. English / to speak (Simple Present)

English is spoken

2. Films / to watch (Simple Present)

3. Volleyball / to play (Simple Past)

4. Computer games / to buy (Simple Present)

5. Books / to write (Simple Past)

6. The table / to fix (will-future)

7. The chairs / to replace (Past Progressive)

8. Astronauts / to send to the moon (will-future)

9. Penguins / to feed (Simple Past)

10. Children / to see in the park (Simple Past)

TASK D. Rewrite the sentences in PASSIVE VOICE:

1. The teacher is going to show the students an old bone. _____

2. We gave a new book to Robert. _____

3. They develop a new type of washing machine. _____

4. Rick told Sue to give up smoking. _____

5. Jack has installed a new computer software. _____

6. Julia rescued three cats. _____

7. Maria crashed into the blue car. _____

8. Alex learnt the poem. _____

9. Steven has forgotten the book. _____

10. The teacher is not going to open the window. _____

TASK E. Fill the gaps with the correct tenses (active or passive voice):

1. In the year 122 AD, the Roman Emperor Hadrian (visit) _____ his provinces in Britain.

2. On his visit, the Roman soldiers (tell) _____ him that Pictish tribes from north Britain (attack) _____ them.

3. So Hadrian (give) _____ the order to build a protective wall across the country.

4. After 6 years of hard work, the Wall (finish) _____ in 128.

5. It (be) _____ 117 kilometers long and about 4 meters high.

6. The Wall (guard) _____ by 15,000 Roman soldiers.

7. Every 8 kilometers there (be) _____ a large fort in which up to 1,000 soldiers (find) _____ shelter.

8. The soldiers (watch) _____ over the frontier to the north and (check) _____ the people who (want) _____ to enter or leave Roman Britain.

9. In order to pass through the Wall, people (must go) _____ to one of the small forts that (serve) _____ as gateways.

10. In 383 Hadrian's Wall (abandon) _____

11. Today Hadrian's Wall (be) _____ the most popular tourist attraction in northern England.

12. In 1987, it (become) _____ a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

