

PASSIVE VOICE

A) Are the sentences written in Active (A) or Passive(P) voice?

1. Steven likes to play baseball _____
2. Bingo is played in Britain _____
3. Lots of houses were destroyed _____
4. French is spoken in Nigeria _____
5. The bus driver was hurt _____

B) Rewrite the sentences in Active voice.

Example: Letters were written by the students.

The students wrote letters.

1. The club was founded by Ron and Peggy. _____
2. The computer is used by Patrick. _____
3. Coffee is sold by Marie. _____
4. This book was written by an Irishman. _____
5. Football is played by the children. _____

C) Rewrite the sentences in Passive voice.

Example: The students wrote letters.

Letters were written by the students.

1. Levi Strauss invented the blue jeans. _____
2. The electricians test the fire alarm. _____
3. The girls can play handball. _____
4. Our dog did not bite the cat. _____
5. My friend bought a new car. _____

D) Make correct passive forms. Mind the tenses in brackets.

Example: the car - to produce (Simple Present)

the car is produced

1. songs - to sing (Simple Past) _____
2. films - to watch (Simple Present) _____
3. a prize - to win (Simple Past) _____
4. English - to speak (Simple Present) _____
5. volleyball - to play (Simple Past) _____

E) Make correct passive forms.

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| 1. We speak only English in class. | Only English _____ in class. |
| 2. They are watering the garden. | The garden _____. |
| 3. Someone stole my car this morning. | My car _____ this morning. |
| 4. Christopher Columbus discovered America. | America _____ by Christopher Columbus. |
| 5. They were serving lunch when we arrived. | Lunch _____ when we arrived. |
| 6. You should respect your parents. | Your parents _____. |
| 7. We will build a new bridge. | A new bridge _____. |
| 8. They have painted their house blue. | Their house _____ blue. |
| 9. Marconi invented the radio. | The radio _____ by Marconi. |
| 10. We will have finished this work by next week. | This work _____ by next week. |

F) Make up the sentences using the Passive Voice.

- The table – make – of wood.
- English – speak – all over the world.
- The churches – build – in the last century.
- The oranges – sell – yesterday.
- This cartoon – show – tomorrow.
- The letter – send – next week.

G) Choose active or passive forms

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| 1. The cat _____ the fish. | _____ ate | _____ was eaten |
| 2. The missing dog _____ by the police. | _____ has not found | _____ has not been found |
| 3. They _____ me to the party. | _____ invited | _____ were invited |
| 4. The fence _____ by my father. | _____ is being repaired | _____ is repaired |
| 5. I _____ criticised. | _____ don't like being | _____ don't like |
| 6. A car _____ our dog. | _____ ran over | _____ was ran over |
| 7. The girls _____ the babies. | _____ fascinated by | _____ are fascinated by |
| 8. The old man _____ by two bullies. | _____ was being threatened | _____ threatened |
| 9. They say she _____ | _____ be a liar | _____ is a liar |
| 10. They _____ spies. | _____ are known | _____ are known to be |