

Present and Past Passive Voice

I. Change the sentences from the active to the passive.

London publishes *The Times*.

The Times is published by London.

1) Special crates transport oranges from Valencia to Germany.

2) The shark attacked the man.

3) The burner started the fire.

4) The police took him away.

5) Did The president give John an award?

6) The police brought him here.

7) The fire-fighters didn't save the women.

8) All the students understood the explanation.

9) A snake bit him.

10) Thomas and his brother built that house.

II. Choose the correct verb active or passive

1) These cars **produce / are produced** in Japan .

2) Alan **teaches / is taught** Geography.

3) German **is spoken / speaks** in Austria.

4) Lots of houses **destroyed / were destroyed** by the earthquake .

5) Henry Ford **was invented / invented** the assembly line.

6) Somebody **cleans / is cleaned** the office every day.

7) Somebody **is sent/ sends** emails.

8) The grass **cuts / is cut** every day.

9) Paul **found / was found** the key.

10) The computer **fixed / was fixed** yesterday.

11) Who **painted / was painted** The Mona Lisa?

12) The grocery store **stole / was stolen**.

III. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form, active or passive.

- 1) He _____ (open) the door when he left the room.
- 2) The letter _____ (send) by me.
- 3) _____ your mom _____ (pick) you up from school every day?
- 4) _____ the thief _____ (catch) by the police officer?
- 5) The airline _____ (send) our passage to Australia by mistake.
- 6) Soy _____ (grow) by farmers in Argentina.
- 7) People _____ (export) Spanish tortilla to the US.
- 8) The Burial of the Count of Orgaz _____ (paint) by El Greco.
- 9) You _____ (not find) penguins at the North Pole.
- 10) America _____ (not discover) by Columbus in 1491.
- 11) My uncle _____ (sell) the bicycle when he was young.
- 12) All the plates in the cupboard _____ (break) by the child.
- 13) She _____ (not find) the book.