

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.