

Voz Pasiva — Presente y Pasado

La voz pasiva ocurre cuando el sujeto gramatical de la oración no es quien realiza la acción sino quien recibe el efecto de la acción, por ejemplo:

Algunos mexicanos construyeron esos automóviles (Sujeto=los hombres, realizan activamente la acción expresada en el verbo, construir= voz activa)

Los automóviles fueron contruidos por mexicanos (Sujeto=los automóviles, reciben el efecto del verbo, fueron contruidos= voz pasiva). En inglés la estructura es muy similar,

Those men made these cars (Esos hombres hicieron estos autos – voz activa),
These cars were made by those men (Estos autos fueron hechos por aquellos hombres – voz pasiva).

NOTA: En el español de México es más común utilizar una voz media con "se" que la voz pasiva, por ejemplo: "Se contruyeron cientos de autos en fábricas mexicanas" en vez de "Cientos de autos fueron contruidos en fábricas mexicanas".

Estructura: La voz pasiva en inglés tiene esta estructura:

Sujeto (recibe efecto de la acción) + Aux. BE (en el tiempo que sea necesario) + V past participle + Complements

The cars + are + made + in Italy. (Passive Voice, Present Simple)

These cars + were + made + in France (Passive Voice, Past Simple)

El auxiliar BE es quien expresa el tiempo en que está la oración.

Para incluir a quien realiza la acción, se añade al final de la oración después de la palabra *by*. p.ej.

She was promoted to General Manager by the Company President.
(Ella fue ascendida a Gerente General *por* el Presidente de la compañía).

Present Simple Passive Voice Exercises:

Sentence Transformation: Transform the following active voice sentences into passive voice:

1. a) **The chef prepares delicious meals.** meals Delicious the chef prepared are by
[Delicious] [] [] [] [] [] .
2. b) **They clean the classroom every day.** cleaned is day every
[The] [classroom] [] [] [] [] .
3. c) **People speak Spanish in many countries.** spoken Spanish countries in many is
[] [] [] [] [] [] .
4. d) **She teaches English to children.** children taught English by her is to
[] [] [] [] [] [] .
5. e) **He fixes the car every weekend.** every fixed His weekend car is
[] [] [] [] [] [] .

Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in passive voice and the auxiliary verb to BE in present simple.

- a) The cake _____ (bake) by my mom.
- b) English _____ (speak) all over the world.
- c) The house _____ (clean) every Saturday.
- d) The report _____ (write) by the team.
- e) The problem _____ (solve) by the experts.

Multiple Choice: Write the correct passive voice sentence:

- a) The trees (plant) by the gardener.
_____ .
- b) The project (finish) by the team.
_____ .
- c) The letters (send) by the secretary.
_____ .
- d) The cake (bake) by Sarah.
_____ .
- e) The room (clean) by the maid.
_____ .

Past Simple Passive Voice Exercises:

1. **Sentence Transformation:** Transform the following active voice sentences into passive voice:

a) *The company launched the new product last month.*

Last new product month launched was The the by company

b) *Many people watched the movie in the cinema.*

Cinema by many watched people was movie The in the

c) *The police caught the thief yesterday.*

yesterday thief police The the caught was by

d) *They invited us to the party.*

by We invited the to were them party

e) *The principal wrote a letter to his mother.*

his principal mother the A letter written was by to

2. **Fill in the Blanks:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in passive voice:

- a) The letter _____ (send) by me yesterday.
- b) The song _____ (sing) by the children.
- c) The mistake _____ (correct) by the teacher.
- d) The cake _____ (eat) by everyone at the party.
- e) The problem _____ (solve) by the team last week.

3. **Rewrite Sentences:** Rewrite the following sentences in passive voice:

- a) She bought a new car yesterday.

_____ .

- b) He found the lost keys in the garden.

_____ .

- c) They invited us to the party.

_____ .

- d) The teacher punished the students for being late.

_____ .

- e) The company awarded him a prize for his outstanding work.

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