

The Passive

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Circle the correct word.

- 1 Coffee **(is)** / **are** made from coffee beans.
- 2 Cola **is** / **are** drunk by millions of people around the world.
- 3 *Great Expectations* **was** / **is** written by Charles Dickens.
- 4 This ring **was** / **were** given to me as a gift.
- 5 Foreign languages **is** / **are** taught in every school.
- 6 Our car **was** / **is** washed every week.

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Fill in the gaps with *is*, *are*, *was* or *were*.

- 1 *Macbeth* .. was .. written by Shakespeare.
- 2 Fiat cars made in Italy.
- 3 Tamara and José invited to a party last week.
- 4 Our flat cleaned every week.
- 5 The telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell.
- 6 The World Cup held every four years.
- 7 The Parthenon visited by thousands of tourists every year.
- 8 A short story competition organised every year.
- 9 The castle destroyed by a fire in the fifteenth century.
- 10 Dinner served at 7 o'clock every evening.

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Rewrite the sentences in the passive form.

- 1 James Joyce wrote this book.
This book was written by James Joyce.
- 2 They deliver the post every day.
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- 3 Birds eat seeds.
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- 4 A storm destroyed three houses in the neighbourhood.
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- 5 They built the school in 1956.
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- 6 Does she cook dinner every night?
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- 7 Did Nicky wash the dishes?
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- 8 Ben didn't steal Johnny's bag.
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- 9 They found the missing painting.
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- 10 Fiona takes the dog for a walk every day.
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