Grammar · 7th Grade

Passive Voice

English Language Worksheet · 4 exercises · ~30 minutes

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How does it work?

ACTIVE VOICE

Tom writes a letter.

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PASSIVE VOICE

A letter is written by Tom.

Formula: Subject + to be (am/is/are/was/were) + Past Participle (V3) + (by + agent)

Subject (who/what) **Verb** (action) **Object** → becomes subject in passive

Present Simple Passive
is/are + V3
"Coffee is grown in Brazil."

Past Simple Passive
was/were + V3
"The book was written in 1960."

1 Change from Active to Passive

Rewrite each sentence in the Passive Voice. Use the present simple passive.

1. ACTIVE: The chef cooks delicious meals.

PASSIVE: Delicious meals _____ by the chef.

2. ACTIVE: Scientists discover new medicines every year.

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PASSIVE: New medicines _____ every year.

3. ACTIVE: My mum cleans our house on Saturdays.

PASSIVE: Our house _____ on Saturdays.

4. ACTIVE: The factory produces thousands of cars.

PASSIVE: Thousands of cars _____ .

5. ACTIVE: People speak English all over the world.

PASSIVE: English _____ all over the world.

2 Complete the passive sentences

✏ Put the verb in the correct passive form (present or past). Use the verb in brackets.

#	Sentence	Tense clue
1	This bridge _____ (build) in 1892.	`past simple passive`
2	The Oscars ceremony _____ (watch) by millions every year.	`present simple passive`
3	"Harry Potter" _____ (write) by J.K. Rowling.	`past simple passive`
4	The windows _____ (clean) every week by staff.	`present simple passive`
5	All the cookies _____ (eat) at the party last night!	`past simple passive`

3 Active or Passive? Identify!

✏ Read each sentence. Write A (Active) or P (Passive) in the box.

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1. The teacher explained the grammar rule clearly. A P _____

2. The letter was delivered this morning. A P _____

3. Millions of people visit Paris every year. A P _____

4. The cake was eaten by my brother in five minutes! A P _____

5. Soccer is played by children all over the world. A P _____

4 Who did it? Add "by + agent"

✏ Complete these passive sentences by adding "by + the correct agent" from the box below.

Pablo Picasso **Thomas Edison** **Apple Inc.** **the police** **farmers**

1. The electric light bulb was invented _____ .

2. Guernica was painted in 1937 _____ .

3. The suspect was arrested last night _____ .

4. The first iPhone was launched in 2007 _____ .

5. The wheat is harvested in autumn _____ .

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