

Passive voice practice 5 – Od as passive S

a) Revise these RULES to transform active sentences into passive ones:

1. Find the direct object (Od) of the active sentence. It is after the subject (S) and the verb (V). Write it first (it will be the S).	S + V + O Cain killed Abel. Abel was killed by Cain.
2. If there is one or more auxiliaries, or if there is an adverb after the first auxiliary or before the main verb, copy them in the same position.	(Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + V (Aux) + (adv.) + (Aux) + BE + V-en The police have just arrested him.
3. Check whether you need to add or take out the -s in the first auxiliary (because the S is now different).	↓ ↓ He have just ... ↓ He has just ...
4. Replace the main verb (V) with BE, in the same form: infinitive (be), present (am, is, are), past (was, were), past participle (been) or gerund (being).	↓ He has just been...
5. Add the past participle (V-en = taken, broken, eaten, bought, closed...) of the main verb (V).	↓ He has just been arrested.

6. Add the rest of the sentence. If the agent (Ag), which is the original S, is important, add it after "by". If it is not important, (by people, by someone, by them, by us, by you...), omit it.	... + (by + Ag) He has just been arrested. ("by the police" is obvious, so it is omitted).
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b) Transform these sentences into the passive voice:

1. You must choose the correct answer in this exercise.

The correct answer _____ in this exercise.

2. The hooligans broke the entrance gate.

The entrance gate _____ by the hooligans.

3. We often buy these products from third-world countries.

These products _____ from third-world countries.

4. The police will probably catch the robber very soon.

The robber _____ very soon.

5. They have beaten my team again.

My team _____ again.

6. Our government must cut all ties with that country immediately.

All ties with that country _____ immediately.

7. You have to draw all these arcs using a compass.

All these arcs _____ using a compass.

8. The zoo keepers haven't fed the lions yet.

The lions _____ yet.

9. You can hear many different birds at sunrise.

Many different birds _____ at sunrise.

10. People may never know the whole truth.

The whole truth _____.

11. You must learn all these irregular verbs in order to write sentences in the passive.

All these irregular verbs _____ in order to write sentences in the passive.

12. All visitors should leave their umbrellas at the entrance.

All umbrellas _____ at the entrance.

13. They lost five airplanes in the attack.

Five airplanes _____ in the attack.

14. They make these pies with fresh eggs.

These pies _____ with fresh eggs.

15. They will meet us at the airport.

We _____ at the airport.

16. We haven't paid for the tickets because they are free.

The tickets _____ because they are free.

17. They are putting up "no smoking" signs all over the school.

"No smoking" signs _____ all over the school.