

Passive Voice (present and past simple) – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with the present simple or past simple passive of the verb in brackets.

Example: Football ____ (play) all over the world. → is played

1. English _____ (speak) in many countries.
2. This bridge _____ (build) in 1890.
3. The hotel rooms _____ (clean) every morning.
4. The first phone call _____ (make) in 1876.
5. Many people _____ (invite) to the wedding last summer.
6. Cheese _____ (make) from milk.
7. The letters _____ (not send) yesterday because the post office was closed.
8. Coffee _____ (not grow) in this country because it is too cold.

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

Complete the sentences with the passive forms from the box. There are two extra words you do not need.

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was written is sold were stolen are made is used were given is visited was born
wrote

9. This novel _____ by a young teacher in 2005.
10. Fresh bread _____ in that small shop every day.
11. Two bikes _____ from the school yard last night.
12. Most smartphones _____ in large factories.
13. This room _____ for meetings on Fridays.
14. The students _____ their test results yesterday.
15. The old castle _____ by thousands of tourists every year.

Exercise 3: Active to passive

Rewrite each sentence in the passive. Start with the words given in brackets. Use 'by' only if the person is important.

Example: People grow rice in many parts of Asia. (Rice ...) → Rice is grown in many parts of Asia.

16. Someone cleans the office every evening. (The office ...)

17. They built this hotel in 2010. (This hotel ...)

18. A famous artist painted this picture. (This picture ...)

19. They don't allow dogs in the park. (Dogs ...)

20. Nobody told me about the meeting. (I ...)

21. Did they cancel the concert? (Was ...)

22. Do they serve breakfast in the garden? (Is ...)

23. Where do they make these chairs? (Where ...)

Exercise 4: Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: The house was build last year. → The house was built last year.

24. This song was write by my brother.

25. The windows are clean every week.

26. My car was repair last Monday.

27. The children was taken to the zoo yesterday.

28. The letter was sent from my grandmother.

29. Was the tickets bought online?

30. The cake didn't eaten at the party.

31. Spanish is speak in Mexico.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

Example: made / is / glass / from / sand → Glass is made from sand.

32. was / when / the / built / school / ?

33. is / in / French / spoken / Canada

34. weren't / the / invited / neighbours / party / to / the

35. made / this / in / was / Italy / bag / ?

36. are / emails / how many / sent / every day / ?

37. by / the / was / fire / put out / firefighters / the

38. not / is / smoking / allowed / here

Answer key – Passive Voice (present and past simple) – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

1. **is spoken**

A general fact, so use the present simple passive: is + past participle.

2. **was built**

'In 1890' shows a finished past time, so use was + past participle.

3. **are cleaned**

A regular routine with a plural subject: are + past participle.

4. **was made**

A past event with a singular subject: was + made.

5. **were invited**

'Last summer' is past and 'people' is plural, so use were + past participle.

6. **is made**

A general fact about a process: present simple passive.

7. **weren't sent**

Past negative passive with a plural subject: were not + past participle.

8. **isn't grown**

Present negative passive: is not + past participle.

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

9. **was written**

A past action with a singular subject: was written.

10. **is sold**

A daily routine with an uncountable subject: is sold.

11. **were stolen**

Past time ('last night') and a plural subject: were stolen.

12. **are made**

A general fact with a plural subject: are made.

13. **is used**

A regular arrangement in the present: is used.

14. **were given**

'Yesterday' is past and 'students' is plural: were given.

15. **is visited**

Something that happens every year: present simple passive.

Exercise 3: Active to passive

16. **The office is cleaned every evening.**

'Someone' is not important, so we leave it out.

17. **This hotel was built in 2010.**

Past simple active 'built' becomes 'was built'.

18. **This picture was painted by a famous artist.**

The artist is important information, so we use 'by'.

19. **Dogs aren't allowed in the park.**

Present negative passive: are not + past participle.

20. **I wasn't told about the meeting.**

'Nobody told' becomes a negative passive: was not told.

21. **Was the concert cancelled?**

In passive questions, 'was/were' comes before the subject.

22. **Is breakfast served in the garden?**

Present passive question: Is + subject + past participle.

23. **Where are these chairs made?**

Question word + are + plural subject + past participle.

Exercise 4: Find and correct the mistake

24. **This song was written by my brother.**

The passive needs the past participle 'written', not the base form.

25. **The windows are cleaned every week.**

Use the past participle 'cleaned' after 'are'.

26. **My car was repaired last Monday.**

The past participle of 'repair' is 'repaired'.

27. **The children were taken to the zoo yesterday.**

'Children' is plural, so use 'were'.

28. **The letter was sent by my grandmother.**

We use 'by' to say who did the action in a passive sentence.

29. **Were the tickets bought online?**

'Tickets' is plural, so the question starts with 'Were'.

30. **The cake wasn't eaten at the party.**

Passive negatives use 'was/were not', not 'didn't'.

31. **Spanish is spoken in Mexico.**

The past participle of 'speak' is 'spoken'.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

32. When was the school built?

Question word + was + subject + past participle.

33. French is spoken in Canada.

Subject + is + past participle + place.

34. The neighbours weren't invited to the party.

Negative passive: subject + weren't + past participle.

35. Was this bag made in Italy?

Yes/no passive question: Was + subject + past participle.

36. How many emails are sent every day?

'How many emails' is the subject, followed by are + past participle.

37. The fire was put out by the firefighters.

The agent (the firefighters) comes after 'by' at the end.

38. Smoking is not allowed here.

Present negative passive: is not + past participle.

Notes for teachers: Start by eliciting facts about the classroom or school (e.g. 'The room is cleaned every day', 'The school was built in...') to show when the passive is useful. Learners often forget the verb 'be', use the past simple instead of the past participle (was wrote), or make 'be' agree with the wrong noun. Revise common irregular participles before Exercise 1. As a follow-up, ask pairs to write a short quiz of passive questions about famous inventions or places (e.g. 'When was the telephone invented?').