

Passive Voice – Test 1

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Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Passive forms in different tenses

Choose the correct passive form to complete each sentence, or answer the question.

- According to the city council, the new bridge _____ next year.
A will opened B has been opened C will be opened D is opened
- Right now, the meeting room _____, so we'll have to use the café.
A is cleaning B is being cleaned C is cleaned D has cleaned
- By the time we arrived at the stadium, all the tickets _____.
A were selling B have been sold C had sold D had been sold
- _____ the results been announced yet?
A Have B Has C Were D Are
- The invitations _____ because the printer was broken.
A wasn't sent B weren't send C weren't sent D didn't sent
- Choose the correct sentence.
A This house has been built in 1920. B This house was built in 1920.
C This house was build in 1920. D This house built in 1920.
- Thousands of photos _____ to social media every minute.
A are uploading B is uploaded C have uploaded D are uploaded
- When I phoned the garage, my car _____, so I couldn't drive it home.
A was being repaired B was repairing C was repaired D has been repaired
- Since 2015, the festival _____ by over a million people.
A was attended B has attended C has been attended D is attended
- Find the mistake: The winners will announced at the end of the evening.
A The winners B will announced C at the end D of the evening

Part 2: Modals, infinitives and special structures

Choose the option that correctly completes each sentence or question.

- All application forms must _____ before Friday.
A signed B to be signed C being signed D be signed
- This problem should _____ months ago – now it's too late.
A be solved B have solved C have been solved D been solved
- I really hate _____ what to do all the time.
A being told B to tell C be told D been told

14. Lena expects _____ to the final interview next week.
A being invited **B** to invite **C** be invited **D** to be invited
15. It _____ that the painting is worth over a million euros.
A believes **B** is believed **C** is believing **D** has believed
16. The suspect is thought _____ the country last week.
A to leave **B** to be left **C** to have left **D** leaving
17. We _____ our kitchen redecorated next month.
A are being **B** are having **C** will be had **D** are been
18. My bike _____ outside the station last night, so I walked home.
A got stealing **B** was stealing **C** got steal **D** got stolen
19. Choose the correct question.
A Where was taken this photo? **B** Where this photo was taken?
C Where was this photo taken? **D** Where did this photo taken?
20. This medicine _____ to children under twelve.
A must not be given **B** must not give
C must be not given **D** doesn't must be given

Part 3: The passive in context

Read the text and choose the correct option for each gap (21–26). Then answer questions 27–30 about the text.

The Riverside Library first opened its doors in 1962. The building (21) ___ by a local architect, Amara Okafor, who wanted it to feel like a public living room. For decades, thousands of books (22) ___ every week, and the library became the heart of the neighbourhood.

In 2019, however, serious damage was discovered in the roof, and the library had to (23) ___ for almost two years. During that time, the old shelves were removed, new lighting was installed and a children's area was added. Local residents were asked for their opinions, and many of their ideas (24) ___ into the final design.

These days, the building is used not only for borrowing books but also for workshops, language cafés and homework clubs. The library is now said (25) ___ one of the most welcoming public spaces in the city. Next year, a small garden (26) ___ behind the building, and volunteers are currently being trained to look after it.

21. Gap 21: The building _____ by a local architect, Amara Okafor.
A designed **B** was designed **C** has been designed **D** was designing
22. Gap 22: For decades, thousands of books _____ every week.
A borrowed **B** were borrowing **C** had borrowed **D** were borrowed
23. Gap 23: The library had to _____ for almost two years.
A been closed **B** closed **C** be closed **D** being closed
24. Gap 24: Many of their ideas _____ into the final design.
A were incorporated **B** incorporated **C** were incorporating **D** have incorporated
25. Gap 25: The library is now said _____ one of the most welcoming public spaces in the city.
A that it is **B** to be **C** being **D** be

26. Gap 26: Next year, a small garden ————— behind the building.
A will plant **B** is planting **C** has been planted **D** will be planted
27. Why does the writer use the passive in 'serious damage was discovered in the roof'?
- A** Because the sentence is about the future.
 - B** Because who discovered the damage is not important.
 - C** Because the damage did the discovering.
 - D** Because it shows a repeated action in the past.
28. Which sentence from the text is NOT in the passive voice?
- A** The old shelves were removed.
 - B** A children's area was added.
 - C** Volunteers are currently being trained.
 - D** The library became the heart of the neighbourhood.
29. What does 'volunteers are currently being trained to look after it' mean?
- A** Volunteers are training other people now.
 - B** Volunteers finished their training last year.
 - C** Someone is training the volunteers at the moment.
 - D** Volunteers will start training after the garden is planted.
30. Which is the correct passive version of 'Residents asked the council to keep the library open'?
- A** The council asked residents to keep the library open.
 - B** The council was asked by residents to keep the library open.
 - C** The council was asked by residents keeping the library open.
 - D** The council were ask by residents to keep the library open.

Answer key – Passive Voice – Test 1

1 C	2 B	3 D	4 A	5 C	6 B	7 D	8 A	9 C	10 B
11 D	12 C	13 A	14 D	15 B	16 C	17 B	18 D	19 C	20 A
21 B	22 D	23 C	24 A	25 B	26 D	27 B	28 D	29 C	30 B

Explanations

- C** – Future simple passive is will + be + past participle.
- B** – An action in progress now needs the present continuous passive: is being + past participle.
- D** – An action completed before another past action needs the past perfect passive: had been + past participle.
- A** – Present perfect passive questions use have/has + subject + been; 'results' is plural, so 'Have'.
- C** – The negative past passive is wasn't/weren't + past participle, and 'invitations' is plural.
- B** – A finished past time (in 1920) needs the past simple passive with the past participle 'built'.
- D** – Photos do not upload themselves, so the present simple passive (are + past participle) is needed for a general fact.
- A** – The repair was in progress at that moment, so the past continuous passive is correct.
- C** – 'Since 2015' shows a period up to now, so the present perfect passive is needed.
- B** – The passive needs 'be': the winners will be announced.
- D** – After a modal verb, the passive is be + past participle.
- C** – Criticism of a past situation uses should + have been + past participle.
- A** – After 'hate' we can use a gerund, and the passive gerund is being + past participle.
- D** – 'Expect' is followed by an infinitive, and the passive infinitive is to be + past participle.
- B** – The impersonal passive pattern is It + is + believed/said/thought + that-clause.
- C** – For an earlier action after 'is thought', use the perfect infinitive: to have + past participle.
- B** – 'Have something done' shows someone else does the work; the present continuous expresses a future arrangement.
- D** – The informal 'get' passive is get + past participle: got stolen.
- C** – In passive questions, the auxiliary 'was' comes before the subject: Where was this photo taken?
- A** – The negative modal passive is modal + not + be + past participle.
- B** – A finished past action with an agent (by...) needs the past simple passive.
- D** – People borrowed the books, so the past simple passive 'were borrowed' is needed.
- C** – After 'had to' we need the bare passive infinitive: be + past participle.
- A** – The ideas received the action in the past, so the past simple passive is correct.
- B** – When the subject is a noun (The library is said...), it is followed by a to-infinitive.
- D** – 'Next year' refers to the future, and the garden receives the action, so will be + past participle.
- B** – The passive is often used when the agent is unknown or unimportant.
- D** – 'Became' is an active verb; the other sentences use be + past participle.
- C** – The present continuous passive shows that someone is training the volunteers now.
- B** – The object (the council) becomes the subject, the verb becomes was asked, and the to-infinitive stays the same.

Notes for teachers: Use Part 1 to check basic form across tenses, Part 2 for the more advanced B2 structures, and Part 3 to see whether students recognise and use the passive in a real text. Typical errors targeted include missing 'be' (will announced), wrong participle forms (was build), active forms with the wrong meaning (are uploading), and confusion between 'It is said that...' and 'X is said to...'. As a follow-up, ask students to rewrite a short news article, changing active sentences into the passive where the agent is unknown or unimportant.