

# Passive Voice – Worksheet 1

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## Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with the correct passive form of the verb in brackets.

**Example:** The museum \_\_\_\_ (build) in 1895. → was built

1. Our office \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) every evening after everyone has left.
2. When I arrived at the garage, my car \_\_\_\_\_ (still / repair), so I had to wait.
3. Since the start of the year, more than 200 new jobs \_\_\_\_\_ (create) in the area.
4. The documents \_\_\_\_\_ (not / sign) yet, so we can't send them.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (will / the winners / announce) tomorrow morning?
6. By the time the firefighters arrived, most of the building \_\_\_\_\_ (destroy).
7. This form must \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) in black ink.
8. I hate \_\_\_\_\_ (interrupt) when I'm speaking.

## Exercise 2: Choose from the box

Complete the sentences with words from the box. Use each word once. There are two extra words.

### WORD BOX

is being will have been has been was had been be to be being been is

9. Sorry, you can't use the lift – it \_\_\_\_\_ repaired at the moment.
10. The report \_\_\_\_\_ finished by Friday, so you'll have it before the weekend meeting.
11. The novel \_\_\_\_\_ translated into over thirty languages so far.
12. The thief \_\_\_\_\_ caught two hours after the robbery.
13. Nobody told us that the flight \_\_\_\_\_ cancelled until we reached the airport.
14. These tablets should \_\_\_\_\_ taken with food.
15. She expects \_\_\_\_\_ promoted next year.
16. He doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_ told what to do.

### Exercise 3: Rewrite in the passive

*Rewrite each sentence in the passive. Leave out the agent if it is 'someone', 'anyone', 'people' or 'they'. Where words are given in brackets, begin your sentence with them.*

**Example:** Someone cleans the windows every week. → The windows are cleaned every week.

17. Someone stole my bike last night.

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18. They haven't paid the workers for two months.

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19. Did someone lock the back door?

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20. People are building a new hospital near the station.

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21. A famous architect designed this house.

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22. You must not leave bags unattended.

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23. People say that the castle is haunted. (The castle ...)

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24. People believe that the thieves escaped abroad. (The thieves ...)

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25. Has anyone told Maria about the change?

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### Exercise 4: Correct the mistakes

*Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.*

**Example:** The car was wash yesterday. → The car was washed yesterday.

26. The letter was wrote in French.

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27. The meeting has been postpone until next week.

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28. My phone is repairing at the moment.

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29. English is speaking in many countries.

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30. The children were took to the zoo by their teacher.

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31. Where was your jacket make?

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32. The road will being closed for two days.

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33. This problem should have been solve years ago.

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### Exercise 5: Put the words in order

*Put the words in the correct order to make passive sentences or questions.*

**Example:** was / the / cake / by / made / Tom → The cake was made by Tom.

34. been / the / have / invited / not / we / to / party

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35. was / painting / when / stolen / the / ?

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36. is / to / expected / the / rise / price / of / petrol

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37. being / the / are / still / interviewed / candidates

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38. be / can / online / tickets / bought

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39. your / been / have / checked / bags / yet / ?

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# Answer key – Passive Voice – Worksheet 1

## Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

**1. is cleaned**

A regular action uses the present simple passive: is/are + past participle.

**2. was still being repaired**

An action in progress in the past uses the past continuous passive: was/were being + past participle.

**3. have been created**

'Since' signals the present perfect passive: have/has been + past participle.

**4. haven't been signed**

'Yet' in a negative sentence needs the present perfect passive: haven't been + past participle.

**5. Will the winners be announced**

The reviewer's answer was already correct, but other passive forms such as 'Are the winners being announced' or 'Are the winners going to be announced' could also fit, so the prompt now includes 'will' to require the future simple passive: Will + subject + be + past participle.

**6. had been destroyed**

An action completed before another past action uses the past perfect passive: had been + past participle.

**7. be completed**

After a modal verb, the passive is be + past participle.

**8. being interrupted**

After 'hate', we use the -ing form, so the passive is being + past participle.

## Exercise 2: Choose from the box

**9. is being**

'At the moment' shows an action in progress: present continuous passive.

**10. will have been**

'By Friday' shows completion before a future time: future perfect passive.

**11. has been**

'So far' signals the present perfect passive.

**12. was**

A finished past event uses the past simple passive.

**13. had been**

The cancellation happened before we were told, so we use the past perfect passive.

**14. be**

After the modal 'should', we use be + past participle.

**15. to be**

'Expect' is followed by an infinitive, so the passive is to be + past participle.

**16. being**

'Like' is followed here by the -ing form, so the passive is being + past participle.

## Exercise 3: Rewrite in the passive

**17. My bike was stolen last night.**

Past simple active becomes was/were + past participle; 'someone' is left out.

**18. The workers haven't been paid for two months.**

Present perfect negative becomes haven't been + past participle.

**19. Was the back door locked?**

A past simple question in the passive starts with Was/Were + subject + past participle.

**20. A new hospital is being built near the station.**

Present continuous becomes is/are being + past participle.

**21. This house was designed by a famous architect.**

The agent is important here, so we keep it with 'by'.

**22. Bags must not be left unattended.**

A negative modal passive is must not + be + past participle.

**23. The castle is said to be haunted.**

Impersonal passive: subject + is said + to-infinitive for a present situation.

**24. The thieves are believed to have escaped abroad.**

For an earlier action we use the perfect infinitive: to have + past participle.

**25. Has Maria been told about the change?**

A present perfect passive question is Has/Have + subject + been + past participle.

#### Exercise 4: Correct the mistakes

**26. The letter was written in French.**

The passive needs the past participle 'written', not the past simple 'wrote'.

**27. The meeting has been postponed until next week.**

The past participle 'postponed' is needed after 'has been'.

**28. My phone is being repaired at the moment.**

The phone does not repair; it receives the action, so we need 'is being repaired'.

**29. English is spoken in many countries.**

The present simple passive is is + past participle: 'is spoken'.

**30. The children were taken to the zoo by their teacher.**

The past participle of 'take' is 'taken'.

**31. Where was your jacket made?**

The passive question needs the past participle 'made'.

**32. The road will be closed for two days.**

After 'will', use the base form 'be', not 'being'.

**33. This problem should have been solved years ago.**

After 'have been', we need the past participle 'solved'.

#### Exercise 5: Put the words in order

**34. We have not been invited to the party.**

Negative present perfect passive: subject + have not been + past participle.

**35. When was the painting stolen?**

Question word + was + subject + past participle.

**36. The price of petrol is expected to rise.**

Impersonal passive: subject + is expected + to-infinitive.

**37. The candidates are still being interviewed.**

Present continuous passive with 'still' before 'being'.

**38. Tickets can be bought online.**

Modal passive: subject + can be + past participle.

**39. Have your bags been checked yet?**

Present perfect passive question: Have + subject + been + past participle, with 'yet' at the end.

**Notes for teachers:** Start with the gap-fill and word box for controlled practice of form, then use the transformation task to discuss when to leave out the agent. Common mistakes include using the past simple instead of the past participle (was wrote), forgetting 'being' in continuous passives, and wrong word order in questions. As a follow-up, ask learners to write a short news report or a description of a process, such as how chocolate is made, using at least eight passive forms.