

PASSIVE VOICE

TASK 1

Mark the passive sentences in the following list and rewrite the active ones into passive voice.

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1. The cake was baked by my grandmother.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. She sings a beautiful song.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The movie was directed by Christopher Nolan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. We watched the fireworks last night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. A new shopping mall will be opened next year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The documents are being reviewed by the lawyer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The police caught the thief.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The room was cleaned this morning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. They are painting the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. My question was answered promptly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TASK 2

Choose the correct passive voice form for each sentence.

- The authorities are interrogating him right now.
A. He is being interrogated by the authorities right now.
B. The authorities are being interrogated by him right now.
C. He is interrogated by the authorities right now.
- Many parents heavily influence their kids.
A. Kids were heavily influenced by their parents.
B. Kids are heavily influenced by their parents.
C. Kids are being heavily influenced by their parents.
- They were pulling down the building as I passed by.
A. They were being pulled down the building as I passed by.
B. As I passed by, the building was being pulled down.
C. The building was pulled down as I passed by.
- Someone has taken his vehicle recently.
A. His vehicle has being taken by someone recently.
B. Recently his vehicle had been taken by someone.
C. His vehicle has been taken by someone recently.
- He believes people should treat him with respect.
A. He believes to be treated with respect by people.
B. People are believed to treat him with respect.
C. He is being treated with respect by people.

TASK 3

Transform the following active sentences into the passive voice.

- John repaired the car.

2. The team will complete the project next week.
3. Someone stole my wallet.
4. The chef is preparing dinner.
5. They sent invitations to everyone.
6. She teaches English to children.
7. A famous artist painted this picture.
8. He has written three novels.
9. The organizers had arranged everything perfectly.
10. They are building a new library.
11. The announcement appeared to startle him.
12. The educator has dismissed him from the class.
13. A gardener tends to the plants by watering them.
14. Her sister exercises the dogs daily.
15. Windows undergo weekly cleaning.
16. They invited him out to see a film.

TASK 4

Rewrite the following as passive voice questions.

1. Who wrote this book?
2. Did someone inform you about the meeting?
3. When will they deliver the parcel?
4. Has anyone cleaned the classroom?
5. Who invited you to the party?
6. Why didn't they repair the roads on time?
7. Are they organizing the event well?
8. Who broke the vase?
9. When will they finish the new bridge?
10. Where did they find the stolen jewellery?
11. Who brought that package?

12. Has anyone picked up the garbage yet?

13. To whom did they award the prize?

14. When do you need the new bed to arrive?

TASK 5

Fill in the blanks with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1. The cake _____ (bake) yesterday.
2. A new park _____ (open) next month.
3. The letter _____ (not deliver) yet.
4. All the evidence _____ (analyse) by the detectives.
5. My favourite painting _____ (sell) last week.
6. The windows _____ (clean) when the rain started.
7. She _____ (not invite) to the meeting.
8. The speech _____ (give) by the president tomorrow.
9. The report _____ (write) before the deadline.
10. This building _____ (construct) in 1885.
11. His bike _____ (steal).
12. A speech _____ (deliver) by the president next Monday.
13. Breakfast _____ (serve) at 7 a.m. by the server.
14. Passports _____ (check) at passport control checkpoints.
15. The flood _____ (cause) by heavy rain.

TASK 6

Fill in the blanks with the correct passive form of the modal verbs.

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| 1. Coloured garments _____ (wash) individually. | <input type="checkbox"/> could |
| 2. Your flight _____ (postpone) due to poor weather. | <input type="checkbox"/> have to |
| 3. This vehicle _____ (fix). | <input type="checkbox"/> might |
| 4. A cure for cancer _____ (find/potentially) by researchers. | <input type="checkbox"/> might have |
| 5. The elderly woman _____ (assist) to cross the road. | <input type="checkbox"/> must |
| 6. The thief _____ (arrest) by law enforcement. | <input type="checkbox"/> need |
| 7. These pills _____ (take) before eating. | <input type="checkbox"/> should |

TASK 7

Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice without mentioning the subject ("by someone").

1. They built the bridge in 1905.

2. A famous chef cooked this meal.

3. People are watching the movie now.

4. Someone has delivered the package.

5. The manager will announce the decision tomorrow.

6. They had decorated the room beautifully.

7. Everyone admired her performance.

8. A journalist wrote the article.
9. The team repaired the equipment.
10. Someone will plant the flowers next spring.
11. The dentist removed one of my teeth.
12. The sports complex will be opened by the mayor next month.
13. Yearly, millions of tourists explore the cathedral.
14. I stayed in the diner until I had paid my bill.
15. Homer composed the "Iliad."

TASK 8

Match the passive sentences with their appropriate source and rewrite them mentioning the source.

- ☐ Archaeology
- ☐ Competition
- ☐ Crime report
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Health update
- ☐ Meeting minutes
- ☐ Museum news
- ☐ Music competition
- ☐ Restaurant review
- ☐ Travel update

1. "The criminal was arrested by the police."
2. "A new vaccine has been developed."
3. "The painting was stolen last night."
4. "The results will be announced tomorrow."
5. "The dinner was prepared by the chef."
6. "The essay is being graded."
7. "An ancient temple was discovered."
8. "All flights were cancelled."
9. "The decision has been postponed."
10. "A beautiful song was sung by her."

TASK 9

Find and correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1. The cake was eat by the kids.
2. A new road is constructed in the city last year.
3. The documents will being signed tomorrow.
4. This book have been written by a famous author.
5. The door was leave open.

6. They has been invited to the party.

7. The speech was give yesterday.

8. A prize will awarded to the winner.

9. This photo was taken by I.

10. The room is being cleaning.

TASK 10

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice. Match the sentence with the correct tense.

1. They publish books here.

2. The scientists are conducting experiments.

3. The dog ate the food.

4. Someone was cleaning the house.

5. She will finish the report.

6. They have repaired the road.

7. He had locked the door.

8. People must follow these rules.

9. They should award the prize.

10. The government is going to implement new policies.

- ☐ Future Simple
- ☐ Present Perfect Simple
- ☐ Past Perfect Simple
- ☐ Be Going To
- ☐ Present Continuous
- ☐ Present Simple
- ☐ Past Simple
- ☐ Past Continuous

TASK 11

Write or continue a short story (10 sentences) about the invention of a famous product using mostly passive sentences.

"The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. It was patented in 1876. The first call was made to his assistant."



TASK 12

Argue for or against this statement using at least 10 sentences.

"The passive voice is more effective than the active voice in professional communication."

- ✓ Include at least five sentences in the passive voice.
- ✓ Support your arguments with examples.
- ✓ End with a concluding statement in the passive voice.

