

Passive Voice

I. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in the Present Simple.

1. English and French...(speak) all over the world.
2. The newspaper ... (deliver) at about 7 o'clock every morning.
3. How often ... (these competitions /hold)?
4. What country...(your car/make)?
5. These goods... (not import) from foreign countries.
6. The classroom ... (decorate) for the party every three months.
7. A lot of invitations ... (send) to our friends.
8. Dinner ... (cook) by our parents in the kitchen.
9. The boys ...(ask) to take part in the school concert.
10. Some extra money ... (spend) for presents every Christmas.

II. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in the Past Simple.

1. The poem ... (write) by Lord Byron.
2. ... (this novel/write) by a French or an English writer?
3. When ... (your composition/write)?
4. My bike ... (not repair) last week.
5. The album ... (record) a month ago.
6. This play ... (perform) by the actors perfectly last Sunday.
7. The film ... (not direct) by a famous person.
8. Where ... (you/ send) after school yesterday?
9. When ... (the telephone/ invent)?
10. A new house ... (build) near the sport centre last year.

III. Choose the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Many accidents (are caused/were caused) by dangerous driving every year.
2. Cheese (is made/ was made) from milk.
3. The roof of the building (is damaged/was damaged) in a storm a few days ago.
4. You (are invited/ were invited) to the party. Why didn't you go?
5. A cinema is a place where films (were shown/are shown).
6. In the company, elections for president (were held/are held) every five years.
7. A few years ago, the book (is translated/ was translated) into French.
8. Although we were driving fast, we (were overtaken/are overtaken) by a lot of other cars.
9. You can't see the house from the road. It (is surrounded/was surrounded) by trees.
10. This new medicine (is prescribed/was prescribed) by doctors.

IV. Rewrite the sentences in the Passive

1. A young explorer found a new island.
2. The girl next door is singing a nice song.
3. The doctor has prescribed a new medicine.
4. My sister will teach me English and French.
5. People watch TV all over the world.
6. The secretary had already typed the letter when the boss came.
7. Mary was writing an essay at 6 o'clock yesterday.
8. Some fans have sent a bunch of flowers to the actress.
9. They are going to deliver my bike the day after tomorrow.
10. Her brother must wash the dishes after the party.

V. Correct the mistakes .

1. A new school is being built a year ago.
2. The garden hasn't been cleaned yesterday.

3. The project will be finished last week.
4. By the time I got home the dishes will be washed.
5. The parcel must be posted as soon as possible.
6. The car has already been repaired.
7. The classroom has been decorated recently.
8. The museum was visited yesterday.
9. The pupils have been told the news.
10. The picture is being painted when they came in.

VI. Fill in the active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Ms Wilson **1**) ... (be) an actress. She **2**) ... (live) far from the city centre. A taxi **3**) ... (take) by her when she is going shopping. A lot of new clothes **4**) ... (buy) every month. Her bags **5**) ... (carry) by the driver of the taxi when Ms Wilson **6**) ... (go) slowly back to her house. This weekend she is going to have a party. A lot of invitations **7**) ... (send) to her relatives already. She also **8**) ... (invite) her close friends. Tasty dinner is going to **9**) ... (prepare) by an experienced cook. Ms Wilson **10**) ... (look forward) to the party.

VII. Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

1. It's a big factory. Five hundred people _____ (employ) there.
2. _____ (somebody /clean) this room yesterday?
3. Water _____ (cover) most of the earth's surface.
4. How much of the earth's surface _____ (cover) by water?
5. The park gates _____ (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
6. The letter _____ (send) a week ago and it _____ (arrive) yesterday.
7. The boat hit a rock and _____ (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody _____ (rescue).
8. Robert's parents _____ (die) when he was very young. He and his sister _____ (bring up) by their grandparents.
9. I was born in London, but I _____ (grow up) in Canada.
10. Sometimes it's noisy living here, but it's not a problem for me. I _____ (not I bother) by it.