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Subject : Grammar Worksheet

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Active and Passive voice

Worksheet (6)

Active Voice vs. Passive Voice

In active voice sentences, the subject **does** the action (verb) and the object receives the action.

Sentence structure: subject + action (verb) + object.

(subject)	+	(verb)	+	(object)	+	(adverb)
John		painted		the house		last week

In passive voice sentences, the subject receives the action (verb).

Sentence structure: subject (active verb object) + (verb to be + past participle) + object doing the action.

(subject active verb object)	+	(verb)	+	by	+	(subject)	+	(adverb)
The house		was painted		by		John		last week

Passive Voice usage:

The passive voice is used when:

1. We do not know who did the action:

Example: The documents were stolen.

(We don't know who stole the documents.)

2. The receiver of the action is more important

Example: The pyramids were built nearly 5,000 years ago by the ancient Egyptians.

(We want to emphasize "pyramids" more than "ancient Egyptians")

Passive Voice formation:

To change an active voice sentence to a passive voice sentence,

1. make the object of the active sentence into the subject of the passive sentence.
2. use the verb "to be" in the same tense as the main verb of the active sentence.
3. use the past participle of the main verb of the active sentence.

Here are some examples:

a) **Active:** Chefs use these machines to mix the ingredients.

Passive: These machines are used by chefs to mix the ingredients.

*** Now draw the lines in the next example to show the connection.

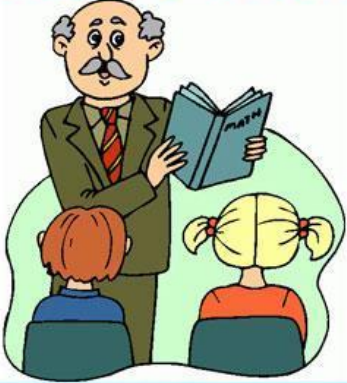
Active: The teachers informed the students that the class had been canceled.

Passive: The students were informed by the teachers that the class had been canceled.

Passive Voice: **Present**

In the present, the passive voice uses the verbs **is/are** + past participle of the main verb.

Active and Passive Voice




Active Form:
The professor **teaches** the students.

Passive Form:
The students **are taught** by the professor.


Passive Voice: **Past**

In the past, the passive voice uses the verbs: **was/were** + past participle of the main verb

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE EXERCISE



The cat drank the milk.



The milk was drunk.

6- They serve lunch at midday.

Lunch is served by them at midday.

7- The police told her that her purse was found.

She was told by the police that her purse was found.

8- She cleans this bedroom every day.

The bedroom is cleaned every day by her.

9-Young people didn't read the daily newspapers.

The daily newspapers were not read by young people.

10-They treat and cure people at hospitals.

People are treated and cured at hospitals.



Reminder: The agent (by ...) is optional + the additional information in the sentence could be ordered in different ways.

The most important part is the tense of the verb.

Exercises(3): Present Simple and Past Simple

Select the correct answer.

Question 1

Active: People speak Portuguese in Brazil.

Passive: Portuguese _____ in Brazil.

A. is speak

B. is spoke

C. is spoken

Question 2

Active: The staff cleans all the hotel rooms daily.

Passive: The hotel rooms _____ daily.

A. are clean

B. are cleaned

C. is cleaned

Question 3

Active: We update the company website frequently

Passive: The company website _____ frequently.

A. are updated

B. is updated

C. was updated

Question 4

Active: People see this beach as the most beautiful in the country.

Passive: This beach _____ as the most beautiful in the country.

A. is seen

B. is saw

C. is see

Question 5

Active: Somebody ships the products via express mail.

Passive: The products _____ via express mail.

A. are shipped

B. is shipped

C. were shipped

Question 6

Active: A friend gave me this sweater.

Passive: This sweater _____ to me by a friend.

A. is given

B. gave

C. was given

Question 7

Active: A famous author wrote these letters.

Passive: These letters _____ by a famous author.

A. were wrote

B. was written

C. were written

Question 8

Active: The teachers chose her to receive the award.

Passive: She _____ by the teachers to receive the award.

A. was chosen

B. was chose

C. were chosen

Question 9

Active: A knock at the door woke us all up.

Passive: We _____ by a knock at the door.

A. was all woke up

B. were all woken up

C. were all waked up

Question 10

Active: Over 300,000 students took the college entrance exam.

Passive: The college entrance exam _____ by over 300,000 students.

A. was taken

B. was took

C. is taken

