

Passive Voice Exercises

Level: B1

How the passive voice works

Use the passive when the action or its result matters more than the person who does it. Put the form of *be* in the right tense, then add the past participle.

Present simple: am/is/are + past participle: *The rooms are cleaned every day.*

Past simple: was/were + past participle: *The rooms were cleaned yesterday.*

Doer: Add *by* only when the doer is useful: *The picture was painted by my aunt.*

Keep the tense: In an active-to-passive change, the tense stays present or past; the object becomes the new subject.

Exercise 1: Choose the passive form

Select the form that matches the time and subject.

1. The bridge ___ in 1998.
a) was built b) is built c) built
2. These reports ___ every Monday.
a) was checked b) are checked c) checked
3. The door ___ last night.
a) was locked b) is locked c) were locked
4. English ___ in many countries.
a) is spoken b) was spoken c) speaks
5. The tickets ___ online yesterday.
a) are sold b) was sold c) were sold
6. This room ___ twice a week.
a) is cleaned b) was cleaned c) cleans

Exercise 2: Complete the passive sentences

Type the correct form of **be** and the past participle of the verb shown.

7. The letters ___ every morning. (deliver — present simple)
8. The cake ___ yesterday. (make — past simple)
9. The classroom ___ after school. (clean — present simple routine)
10. The two roads ___ in 2010. (build — past simple)
11. This song ___ on the radio every day. (play — present simple)
12. The windows ___ during the storm last week. (break — past simple)

Exercise 3: Change active to passive

*Rewrite each sentence in the passive. Keep the same tense. Include *by* only when it adds useful information.*

13. Workers clean the station every night.

The station _____

14. A storm damaged the roof last week.

The roof _____

15. They send the bills by email every month.

The bills _____

16. Someone stole my bike yesterday.

My bike _____

17. The school holds the meeting every Friday.

The meeting _____

18. Ms Green marked the tests on Monday.

The tests _____

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the passive form

1. a) was built
2. b) are checked
3. a) was locked
4. a) is spoken
5. c) were sold
6. a) is cleaned

Exercise 2: Complete the passive sentences

7. are delivered
8. was made
9. is cleaned
10. were built
11. is played
12. were broken

Exercise 3: Change active to passive

13. The station is cleaned every night.
14. The roof was damaged by a storm last week.
15. The bills are sent by email every month.
16. My bike was stolen yesterday.
17. The meeting is held every Friday.
18. The tests were marked by Ms Green on Monday.