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Active and passive voice worksheet with answers (PDF)

with answer key

Practice the passive voice: spot active and passive sentences, put verbs into the passive in eight tenses and modals, change active to passive and back, and fix common mistakes like 'was happened' and 'was wrote'. A rule chart, five exercises with 30 items and an answer key on the last page. Level B1.

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RULE

Active and passive in one chart

Tense	Active	Passive
Present simple	They make it.	It is made.
Present continuous	They are making it.	It is being made.
Past simple	They made it.	It was made.
Past continuous	They were making it.	It was being made.
Present perfect	They have made it.	It has been made.
Past perfect	They had made it.	It had been made.
Future (will)	They will make it.	It will be made.
Modal verbs	They must make it.	It must be made.

- **Spot the passive:** a form of **be** (or **get**) + **past participle**: *was sent*, *has been sold*, *got stung*.
- **By + agent** only when the doer matters: *Hamlet was written by Shakespeare*.
- **No passive** with verbs that take no object: *happen*, *arrive*, *die*, *seem*.

1 Active or passive?

Read each sentence. Is the verb active or passive?

1 The match was called off because of the rain. a) active b) passive

2 Tom was cooking dinner when I called. a) active b) passive

3 These shoes were made in Italy. a) active b) passive

4 We had already eaten. a) active b) passive

5 My sister got stung by a bee. a) active b) passive

6 I am tired of waiting. a) active b) passive

2 Put the verb in the passive

Complete the sentences with the passive form of the verb in brackets. Look for the time words to choose the tense.

1 Rice _____ in many parts of Asia. (grow)

2 The new hospital _____ next year. (open)

3 Look! The bridge _____ right now. (paint)

4 My wallet _____ last night. (steal)

5 Sorry, all the tickets _____. (sell)

6 When we arrived, the cake _____. (eat)

7 Phones must _____ off in class. (switch)

3 From active to passive

Rewrite each sentence in the passive voice. Keep the agent (by ...) only if it is important.

1 People speak French in Quebec.

2 **The cat broke the vase.**

3 **They are building a new mall.**

4 **Someone has taken my umbrella.**

5 **The teacher will check the tests.**

6 **You can't open this door from outside.**

4 From passive to active

Rewrite each sentence in the active voice. Use the agent, or the word in brackets, as the new subject. Keep the tense.

1 **The cake was eaten by the children.**

2 **The song is sung by a famous choir.**

3 **The report has been written by Anna.**

4 **The thief was caught. (the police)**

5 **The parcel will be delivered tomorrow. (the courier)**

5 Fix the passive mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1 **The accident was happened at midnight.**

2 **The book was wrote in 1950.**

3 **The rooms is cleaned every day.**

4 **The car is repairing now.**

5 **My laptop has stolen.**

6 **Who was this song written?**

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Answer key

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1

1 b) passive
2 a) active
3 b) passive
4 a) active
5 b) passive
6 a) active

2

1 is grown
2 will be opened
3 is being painted
4 was stolen
5 have been sold
6 had been eaten
7 be switched

3

1 French is spoken in Quebec.
2 The vase was broken by the cat.
3 A new mall is being built.
4 My umbrella has been taken.
5 The tests will be checked by the teacher.
6 This door can't be opened from outside.

4

1 The children ate the cake.
2 A famous choir sings the song.
3 Anna has written the report.
4 The police caught the thief.
5 The courier will deliver the parcel tomorrow.

5

1 The accident happened at midnight.
2 The book was written in 1950.
3 The rooms are cleaned every day.
4 The car is being repaired now.
5 My laptop has been stolen.
6 Who was this song written by?