

PASSIVE

VOICE

Use the cheat sheet while doing the exercises:

THE GENERAL FORMULA

to BE + V₃

Present Simple: to be = am / is / are

I **am** always **asked** to look after his dog.

Past Simple: to be = was / were

I **was** **asked** to look after his dog yesterday.

Future Simple: to be = shall / will be

I **shall be** **asked** at the next lesson.

Exercise 1:

1 Circle the correct word.

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| 1 Coffee is / are made from coffee beans. | 4 This ring was / were given to me as a gift. |
| 2 Cola is / are drunk by millions of people around the world. | 5 Foreign languages is / are taught in every school. |
| 3 <i>Great Expectations</i> was / is written by Charles Dickens. | 6 Our car was / is washed every week. |

Exercise 2:

2 Fill in the gaps with *is*, *are*, *was* or *were*.

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| 1 <i>Macbeth</i> .. <i>was</i> .. written by Shakespeare. | 7 The Parthenon visited by thousands of tourists every year. |
| 2 Fiat cars made in Italy. | 8 A short story competition organised every year. |
| 3 Tamara and José invited to a party last week. | 9 The castle destroyed by a fire in the fifteenth century. |
| 4 Our flat cleaned every week. | 10 Dinner served at 7 o'clock every evening. |
| 5 The telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell. | |
| 6 The World Cup held every four years. | |

Exercise 3: Look through the presentation and do some paraphrasing:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fk4uJKhY7obFW4OdIshzmTrU0PkjLprvtwFcgpW7moY/edit?usp=sharing>

Exercise 4: Complete the sentences. Use the passive (present or past) of these verbs:

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| • clean | • make |
| • damage | • make |
| • find | • show |
| • give | • steal |
| • invite | |
| • Take | |

1. The room _____ every day.

2. I saw an accident yesterday. Two people _____ to hospital.
3. Paper _____ from wood.
4. There was a fire at the hotel last week. Two of the rooms _____.
5. Where did you get this picture? It _____ to me by a friend of mine.
6. Many American programs _____ on British television nowadays.
7. Did Jim and Sue go to the wedding last Saturday. No, they _____ but they didn't go.
8. How old is this film? It _____ in 1965.
9. My car _____ last week but the next day it _____ by the police.

Exercise 5: Open up the brackets using Present Simple Passive.

(USUALLY)

1. The postbox (to empty) every day.
2. The stamps (to postmark) at the post office.
3. The letters (to sort) into the different towns.
4. The mail (to load) into the train.
5. The mailbags (to unload) after their journey.
6. The bags (to take) to the post office.
7. The letters (to sort) into the different streets.
8. The letters (to deliver).

Exercise 6: Open up the brackets using Past Simple Passive.

(YESTERDAY)

1. The postbox (to empty) yesterday.
2. The stamps (to postmark) at the post office.
3. The letters (to sort) into the different towns.
4. The mail (to load) into the train.
5. The mailbags (to unload) after their journey.
6. The bags (to take) to the post office.
7. The letters (to sort) into the different streets.
8. The letters (to deliver).

Exercise 7: Open up the brackets using Future Simple Passive.

(TOMORROW)

1. The postbox (to empty) tomorrow.
2. The stamps (to postmark) at the post office.
3. The letters (to sort) into the different towns.
4. The mail (to load) into the train.
5. The mailbags (to unload) after their journey.
6. The bags (to take) to the post office.
7. The letters (to sort) into the different streets.
8. The letters (to deliver).