

Passive Voice

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| <p><b>ACTIVE VOICE</b></p>  <p><b>Wild penguins</b><br/><b>attacked</b> <b>my sister</b> .</p> <p>action      subject</p> | <p><b>PASSIVE VOICE</b></p>  <p>subject      action</p> <p><b>My sister</b> <b>was attacked</b><br/><b>by wild penguins.</b></p> |
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## The Passive Voice

- The Present Simple Passive  
am / is / are + V<sub>3</sub>
- The Past Simple Passive  
was / were + V<sub>3</sub>
- The Future Simple Passive  
will / shall + be + V<sub>3</sub>

### Exercise 1

**Translate the following word combinations into English using Present, Past or Future Simple Passive.**

I was told – I am told – I will be told

I was shown – I am shown – I will be shown

She was brought – she is brought – she will be brought

We were asked – we are asked – we will be asked

We were answered – we are answered – we will be answered

We were sent – we are sent – we will be sent

They were given – they are given – they will be given

He was helped – he is helped – he will be helped

He was advised – he is advised – he will be advised

He was forgotten – he is forgotten – he will be forgotten

He was remembered – he is remembered – he will be remembered

We were invited – we are invited – we will be invited

We were corrected – we are corrected – we will be corrected

He was called – he is called – he will be called

### Exercise 2

Open up the brackets using Present, Past or Future Simple Passive.

1. My question **was answered** yesterday.
2. Hockey **is played** in winter.
3. Mushrooms **are gathered** in fall.
4. Many houses **were burnt** during the Great Fire of London.
5. His new book **will be finished** next year.
6. Flowers **are sold** in shops and in the streets.
7. St. Petersburg **was founded** in 1703.
8. Bread **is eaten** every day.
9. The letter **was received** yesterday.
10. Nick **will be sent** to Kiev next week.
11. I was **asked** at the lesson yesterday.
12. I **was given** a very interesting book at the library last Friday.
13. Many houses **are built** in our town every year.
14. This work **will be done** tomorrow.
15. This text **was translated** at the last lesson.
16. These trees **were planted** last fall.

### Exercise 3

Rewrite the following sentences using Passive Voice.

1. The new medicine was prescribed by the doctor to her.
2. He is often spoken about.
3. This funny animal was laughed at by everybody.
4. Strict discipline will be insisted on.
5. Three foreign languages are taught at this school.
6. This letter was received by us after his departure.
7. The honey is gathered by the bees from the flowers.

8. The ship was driven against a rock by the storm.

#### Exercise 4

Choose the right answer

1. **We ... by a loud noise during the night.**
  - woke up
  - are woken up
  - were woken up
  - were waking up
2. **A new supermarket is going to ... next year.**
  - build
  - be built
  - be building
  - building
3. **'Where ...?' 'In London'.**
  - were you born
  - are you born
  - have you been born
  - did you born
4. **There was a fight at the party, but nobody ... .**
  - was hurt
  - were hurt
  - hurt
5. **Jane ... to phone me last night, but she didn't.**
  - supposed
  - is supposed
  - was supposed
6. **... during the storm.**
  - They were collapsed the fence
  - The fence was collapsed
  - They collapsed the fence
  - The fence collapsed

7. ... chair the meeting.

- John was decided to
- There was decided that John should
- It was decided that John should
- John had been decided to

8. This car is not going ... in the race.

- to drive
- to be drive
- to driven
- to be driven

9. Will these clothes ... by Saturday?

- make
- made
- be make
- be made

10. When a student I ... to the discos every Friday night.

- used to go
- are used to go
- use to go
- were used to go

11. Neither Jim nor Jack ... there.

- was invited
- was been invited
- were invited
- were been invited

12. After the volcanic eruption of 1957 the railway station ... .

- destroyed completely
- was completely destroyed
- has been destroyed
- has destroyed