

Passive Voice



<p><b>ACTIVE VOICE</b></p>  <p><b>Wild penguins</b> <b>attacked my sister.</b></p> <p>action      subject</p>	<p><b>PASSIVE VOICE</b></p>  <p>subject      action</p> <p><b>My sister was attacked</b> <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.

Мне рассказали - Мне рассказывают - Мне расскажут

Мне показали - Мне показывают - Мне покажут

Ее привели - Ее приводят - Ее приведут

Нас спросили - Нас спрашивают - Нас спросят

Нам ответили - Нам отвечают - Нам ответят

Нас послали - Нас посылают - Нас пошлют

Им дали - Им дают - Им дадут

Ему помогли - Ему помогают - Ему помогут

Ему посоветовали - Ему советуют - Ему посоветуют

Его забыли - Его забывают - Его забудут

Его вспомнили - Его вспоминают - Его вспомнят

Нас пригласили - Нас приглашают - Нас пригласят

Нас поправили - Нас поправляют - Нас поправят

Его позвали - Его зовут - Его позовут

### Exercise 2

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

1. My question (to answer) yesterday.
2. Hockey (to play) in winter.
3. Mushrooms (to gather) in fall.
4. Many houses (to burn) during the Great Fire of London.
5. His new book (to finish) next year.
6. Flowers (to sell) in shops and in the streets.
7. St. Petersburg (to found) in 1703.
8. Bread (to eat) every day.
9. The letter (to receive) yesterday.
10. Nick (to send) to Kiev next week.
11. I (to ask) at the lesson yesterday.
12. I (to give) a very interesting book at the library last Friday.
13. Many houses (to build) in our town every year.
14. This work (to do) tomorrow.
15. This text (to translate) at the last lesson.
16. These trees (to plant) last fall.

### Exercise 3

Rewrite the following sentences using Passive Voice.

1. The doctor prescribed her new medicine.
2. They often speak about him.
3. Everybody laughed at this funny animal.
5. We will insist on strict discipline.
6. They teach three foreign languages at this school.
7. We received this letter after his departure.
9. Bees gather honey from flowers.

10. The storm drove the ship against a rock.

#### 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