B2 - Passive Voice (Present & Past).



PASSIVE VOICE

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1. Present or Past?

Complete with the correct passive form.

1. Coffee _____ (grow) in many countries.
2. The museum _____ (open) in 1998.
3. These phones _____ (make) in Korea.
4. The painting _____ (steal) last year.
5. English _____ (teach) at our school.

Remember

Passive = be + past participle

Present: English is spoken here.

Past: The building was completed in 1990.

Use the passive when the action or result is more important than the person doing it.

2. Change to the Passive

1. People speak English worldwide. → _____
2. They make these cars in Germany. → _____
3. Someone stole my phone yesterday. → _____
4. They built the bridge in 1985. → _____
5. People use this room for meetings. → _____

3. Spot the Mistake

1. The house was build in 2005. → _____
2. These cars is made in Japan. → _____
3. The letter was send yesterday. → _____
4. English is spoke in many countries. → _____

4. Active or Passive?

Which sounds more natural?

1. Someone cleaned the room.
   The room was cleaned.
2. People speak English here.
   English is spoken here.
3. Someone broke the window.
   The window was broken.

Write one sentence about something that:

is made _____

was built _____

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ANSWER KEY

1. Present or Past?

1. is grown | 2. was opened | 3. are made | 4. was stolen | 5. is taught

2. Change to the Passive

1. English is spoken worldwide.
2. These cars are made in Germany.
3. My phone was stolen yesterday.
4. The bridge was built in 1985.
5. This room is used for meetings.

3. Spot the Mistake

1. was **built**
2. These cars **are made** in Japan.
3. was **sent**
4. is **spoken**

4. Answers will vary.

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