



PASSIVE VOICE - PRESENT & PAST

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1. Choose the correct answer

1. Coffee ____ in many countries. a) grows b) is grown c) is grow	5. English ____ at this school. a) is taught b) teaches c) taught
2. The hotel ____ last year. a) was built b) is built c) built	6. The road ____ last night. a) closed b) was closed c) is close
3. These phones ____ in China. a) make b) are made c) are making	7. These products ____ in Europe. a) are sold b) sold c) are sell
4. The documents ____ yesterday. a) were sent b) are sent c) sent	8. The restaurant ____ in 1998. a) opens b) was opened c) is opening

2. Complete the sentences

Use:

is made – are grown – was built – were invited – is cleaned – was stolen

1. Coffee _____ in Colombia.
2. The museum _____ in 1920.
3. The classrooms _____ every day.
4. More than 100 people _____ to the event.
5. This cheese _____ from local milk.
6. My bicycle _____ last night.

3. Find and correct the mistake

Each sentence has **one mistake**.

1. English is speak in many countries.

2. The house was build in 2018.

3. These cars is made in Germany.

4. The emails were send yesterday.

5. The room is clean every morning.

6. The bridge was build by the government.

4. Which sounds more natural?

Choose the sentence that would normally be more useful in everyday English.

1.

- a) Someone stole my phone yesterday.
- b) My phone was stolen yesterday.

2.

- a) People speak English here.
- b) English is spoken here.

3.

- a) Someone cleaned the room.
- b) The room was cleaned.

4.

- a) They make these shoes in Italy.
- b) These shoes are made in Italy.

Now explain: Why might we choose the passive sentence?

Teacher's Key

1.

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 a
- 6 b
- 7 a
- 8 b

2.

- 1 are grown
- 2 was built
- 3 is cleaned
- 4 were invited
- 5 is made
- 6 was stolen

3.

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4.

Answers may vary. All four passive sentences are natural and useful. The passive focuses attention on the object/result rather than the person doing the action.