



PASSIVE VOICE - PRESENT & PAST

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1. Where do you see the passive?

Look at these situations.

Write a passive sentence for each one.

At a restaurant

The food / serve / here → _____

At an airport

Passengers / check / before the flight → _____

In a shop

Credit cards / accept / here → _____

At a hotel

The rooms / clean / every day → _____

At a museum

Photos / not allow → _____

2. News Report

Complete the short news report with the passive form of the verbs.

New Shopping Centre Opens

A new shopping centre _____ (open) in the city yesterday.

The building _____ (build) over a period of two years.

More than 200 workers _____ (employ) during the construction.

The centre _____ (visit) by thousands of people on its first day.

Several new restaurants _____ (open) inside the centre.

The centre _____ (expect) to become a popular place for local people.

3. What happened?

Read the situations. Make passive sentences.

Situation 1 - You arrive at work. The floor is very clean.

clean / this morning → The floor _____

Situation 2 - You arrive at school. There are no students in the classroom.

students / send / home → The students _____

Situation 3 - You arrive at a restaurant. The tables are ready.

tables / prepare → The tables _____

Situation 4 - You visit a city and see a beautiful old building.

build / 1890 → The building _____

4. Ask Your Partner

Ask your partner these questions.

1. What products are made in your country?
2. What food is grown in your area?
3. What languages are spoken in your country?
4. What famous buildings were built in your city?
5. What places are visited by tourists?
6. What important events are celebrated in your country?

Listen carefully to your partner's answers.

Then ask one follow-up question.

"Coffee is grown in my area."

Follow-up:

"Is it exported to other countries?"

REAL ENGLISH BOX

The passive is especially common when talking about:

products

These shoes are made in Vietnam.

rules

Phones must be switched off.

services

Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 10:00.

places

English is spoken here.

events

The festival is celebrated every year.

These are useful patterns to notice in real life.

5. Talk About Your Country

Complete these sentences.

1. _____ is grown in my country.
2. _____ is produced in my country.
3. _____ is spoken in my country.
4. _____ is eaten during special celebrations.
5. _____ is visited by many tourists.
6. _____ was built a long time ago.

Now compare your answers with a partner.

Teacher's Key

1. Where do you see the passive?

- The food is served here.
- Passengers are checked before the flight.
- Credit cards are accepted here.
- The rooms are cleaned every day.
- Photos are not allowed.

2. News Report

- was opened
- was built
- were employed
- was visited
- were opened
- is expected

3. What happened?

- 1 The floor was cleaned this morning.
 - 2 The students were sent home.
 - 3 The tables were prepared.
 - 4 The building was built in 1890.
- 4 & 5:** Open-ended.