



PASSIVE VOICE - PRESENT & PAST

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1. Active or Passive?

Read each sentence. Then decide whether **active** or **passive** is more natural.

1. Someone stole my wallet.
2. My wallet was stolen.
3. People speak English in this hotel.
4. English is spoken in this hotel.
5. Someone built this house in 1975.
6. This house was built in 1975.

For each pair, discuss: What is the important information?

2. Rewrite the Paragraph

Change the underlined active sentences into passive sentences.

A Busy Morning

People clean the streets every morning.

→ The streets _____

Workers **repair the roads** during the night.

→ The roads _____

The city **collects the rubbish** early in the morning.

→ The rubbish _____

The workers **close some roads** during the repairs.

→ Some roads _____

3. The Mystery Room

You arrive at a hotel room. Something strange has happened.

Complete the story using the **past passive**.

The room was empty when I arrived.

The window _____ (open).

The lights _____ (turn off).

The bed _____ (make).

Two towels _____ (leave) on the floor.

The television _____ (switch on).

A strange note _____ (leave) on the table.

Now write **two more sentences** about what happened.

4. Make It Sound Like Real English

Rewrite each sentence using the passive.

1.

People sell tickets online. → _____

2.

They serve breakfast until 10:00. → _____

3.

Someone stole my bag at the airport. → _____

4.

They built the hotel ten years ago. → _____

5.

People use this room for meetings. → _____

6.

Someone damaged the car last night. → _____

5. Final Challenge – Tell the Story

Work with a partner.

Choose **one** situation:

A. A hotel room

Something happened before you arrived.

B. An airport

A flight was delayed and something went wrong.

C. A restaurant

Something unusual happened with your food.

D. A house

Something happened while the owners were away.

Tell your partner what happened.



Try to use:

- at least 3 present passive sentences
- at least 3 past passive sentences

Use these starters if you need help:

- It is usually...
- It is often...
- It is made...
- It is served...
- It was opened...
- It was damaged...
- It was left...
- They don't know who...

Final Grammar Check

Complete the sentences.

1. English _____ (speak) here.
2. The building _____ (build) in 2001.
3. These products _____ (make) locally.
4. The emails _____ (send) yesterday.
5. The rooms _____ (clean) every morning.
6. My car _____ (steal) last week.

Teacher's Key

1. There can be more than one natural answer. The passive is especially useful when the object/result is more important or the person is unknown/unimportant.

2. Rewrite the Paragraph

- The streets are cleaned every morning.
- The roads are repaired during the night.
- The rubbish is collected early in the morning.
- Some roads are closed during the repairs.

3. The Mystery Room

- was opened
- were turned off
- was made
- were left
- was switched on
- was left

Final two sentences: open-ended.

4. Make It Sound Like Real English

- 1 Tickets are sold online.
- 2 Breakfast is served until 10:00.
- 3 My bag was stolen at the airport.
- 4 The hotel was built ten years ago.
- 5 This room is used for meetings.
- 6 The car was damaged last night.

Final Grammar Check

- 1 is spoken
- 2 was built
- 3 are made
- 4 were sent
- 5 are cleaned
- 6 was stolen