

PASSIVE VOICE (ALL FORMS)

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7. Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Start with the given words.

1. They are going to build a new hospital here.
   A new hospital _____
2. Someone had left the door open.
   The door _____
3. People have spoken English here for centuries.
   English _____
4. They must complete the project by Friday.
   The project _____
5. They were interviewing the candidates all morning.
   The candidates _____

8. Personal Practice

A. Write 5 passive sentences about your town, school, or daily life.

Try to use different tenses.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

B. Think of something that has happened recently (news, school, work, or personal).

Write 3 passive sentences about it.

1.
2.
3.

9. Speaking – Work with a partner

Talk about these topics using the passive as much as possible.

- What changes have been made in your town/city in the last few years?
- What is being built or repaired in your area at the moment?
- What rules must be followed in your school or workplace?
- What do you think will be invented in the next 20 years?
- Has anything important been decided in your country recently?

Useful starters

"A new… has been built…"
"… is being repaired…"
"… must be finished by…"
"It has been decided that…"

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10. Quick Review – Circle the correct form

1. The emails are sent / are being sent / have been sent every morning.
2. The window was broken / was being broken / has been broken while we were out.
3. The decision will make / will be made / is made next week.
4. This book has translated / has been translated / was translating into 20 languages.

Well done!
You can now use the passive in many different tenses and situations.

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Answer Key

7. Rewrite

1. A new hospital is going to be built here.
2. The door had been left open.
3. English has been spoken here for centuries.
4. The project must be completed by Friday.
5. The candidates were being interviewed all morning.

10. Quick Review

1. are sent
2. was broken
3. will be made
4. has been translated

Notes for open activities (8 & 9)
Answers will vary. Accept any grammatically correct passive sentences.

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