**9th\_THE PASSIVE VOICE -** Present and Past Simple

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**DEFINITIONS**

* In the passive voice, the subject of the sentence **RECEIVES THE ACTION.** We focus on the action.

The **house** was painted last week.

* In the active voice, the subject of the sentence DOES the action:

**John** painted the house last week.

**PASSIVE VOICE PRESENT**

S. + **is/are**+ past participle

The present passive voice is used to describe:

**1) Processes:**

Examples**.**- First the apples **are picked**, then they **are cleaned**, and finally they’**re packed** and **sent** to the supermarkets.

**2) General thoughts, opinions, and beliefs:**

Examples**.**- New York **is considered** the most multicultural city in the U.S.A.  
- Skin cancers **are thought** to be caused by excessive exposure to the sun.

**PASSIVE VOICE PAST**

S. + **was/were**+ past participle

The past passive voice is used to describe:

**1) Events in history:**

Examples**.**- George Washington **was elected** president in 1788.

**2) Crimes / Accidents**

Examples**.**- Two people **were killed** in a drive-by shooting on Friday night.  
- Ten children **were injured** when part of the school roof collapsed.

**FROM ACTIVE INTO PASSIVE**

To change a sentence from active into passive, the object of the active sentence becomes

the subject of the **passive** sentence:

**Object Pronouns**

Active Passive

I **me**

you **you**

**he him**

she **her**

it **it**

we **us**

they **them**

Active He **wrote** a book.

pastobject

Passive A book **waswritten** by him.

Subject to be past participle

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**EXERCISES**

Objective: To identify and use the **Passive Voice in Present and Past**.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade:\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**I. Answer** the questions: (4 points)

**1.** When do we **use** the passive voice? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**2.** **Write** the structure of the Passive Voice. See the structure above.

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**II. Translate** the sentences into Spanish: (5 points)

**1.** The test **is answered** by the students.

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**2.** Hyundai cars **are made** in South Korea.

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**3.** My house **was sold** last week.

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**4.** Transistors **were invented** in the year 1947.

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**5.** The electric bulb **was invented** in the year 1880.

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**III. Choose** the correct passive form: (5 points)

**1.** Diego ***washed*** his apron yesterday. The apron \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Tobías yesterday.

**a.** was washed **b.** is washed **c.** are washed **d.** were washed

**2.** The electrician ***repaired*** the circuits. The circuits \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the electrician.

**a.** is repaired **b.** are repaired **c.** repaired **d.** were repaired

**3.** The man ***buys*** a newspaper. A newspaper \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the man.

**a.** are bought **b.** is bought **c.** was bought **d.** bought

**4.** They ***write*** two novels every year. Two novels \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by them every year.

**a.** is written **b.** are written **c.** was written **d.** were written

**5.** Olivia ***watched*** a movie yesterday night. A movie \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Maria.

**a.** was watched **b.** is watch **c.** were watch **d.** are watch

**IV. Make** passive sentences: (6 points)

Example: She ***broke*** a glass. A glass ***was broken*** by her.

**1.** Manuel **drives** a Peugeot 308. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** She **found** five coins in the street. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** They **didn’t take** the bus. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**V. Answer** the questions: (6 points)

**1.** When was America discovered? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** Who was your maths teacher last year?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** When were the transistors invented?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_