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## Mini Lesson 080 - The Passive Voice in Different Tenses

The passive voice is used when we want to focus on the action and the receiver of the action rather than who or what is performing the action. The structure of the passive voice varies depending on the tense being used.

### When to use the Passive Voice:

- To emphasize the action or the recipient of the action rather than the doer.
- When the doer of the action is unknown or unimportant.

### Structure:

- Present Simple: Subject + is/are + past participle
- Example: The book is read by many students.
- Past Simple: Subject + was/were + past participle
- Example: The project was completed last week.
- Future Simple: Subject + will be + past participle
- Example: The cake will be baked by my mother tomorrow.
- Present Continuous: Subject + is/are being + past participle
- Example: The movie is being watched by a large audience.
- Past Continuous: Subject + was/were being + past participle
- Example: The flowers were being watered by the gardener.





## Exercises:

### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the passive voice.

1. The homework \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) by the students last night.
2. The cake \_\_\_\_\_ (make) by my grandma.
3. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) every Sunday.
4. The song \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) by a famous artist.
5. The letters \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) by the postman yesterday.
6. The pictures \_\_\_\_\_ (take) by a professional photographer.
7. The presentation \_\_\_\_\_ (give) by our teacher next week.

### Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the active sentences in passive voice.

1. The chef cooks the meal.  
- The meal \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) by the chef.
2. The students will clean the classroom.  
- The classroom \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) by the students.
3. The dog chased the cat.  
- The cat \_\_\_\_\_ (chase) by the dog.
4. The teacher is explaining the lesson.  
- The lesson \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) by the teacher.
5. They were painting the fence.  
- The fence \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) by them.





### Section 3: Choose the Correct Form

Choose the correct passive voice form for each sentence.

1. The novel \_\_\_\_\_ (is written/written) by J.K. Rowling.
2. The pizza \_\_\_\_\_ (was made/made) by the new chef.
3. The homework \_\_\_\_\_ (is being completed/being complete) right now.
4. The homework \_\_\_\_\_ (will be submitted/submit) by the students tomorrow.
5. The car \_\_\_\_\_ (was being repaired/being repair) when I arrived.

### Section 4: Match the Sentences

Match the sentences in Column A with their passive forms in Column B.

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| <p>Column A:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The artist painted the mural.</li><li>2. She will organize the event.</li><li>3. They are watching the documentary.</li><li>4. The manager reviewed the report.</li><li>5. The students were taking the test.</li></ol> | <p>Column B:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The report was reviewed by the manager.</li><li>b. The test was being taken by the students.</li><li>c. The mural was painted by the artist.</li><li>d. The event will be organized by her.</li><li>e. The documentary is being watched by them.</li></ol> |
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**Answers:**

Section 1:

1. The homework was completed by the students last night.
2. The cake is made by my grandma.
3. The car is washed every Sunday.
4. The song is sung by a famous artist.
5. The letters were delivered by the postman yesterday.
6. The pictures were taken by a professional photographer.
7. The presentation will be given by our teacher next week.

Section 2:

1. The meal is cooked by the chef.
2. The classroom will be cleaned by the students.
3. The cat was chased by the dog.
4. The lesson is explained by the teacher.
5. The fence was painted by them.

Section 3:

1. The novel is written by J.K. Rowling.
2. The pizza was made by the new chef.
3. The homework is being completed right now.
4. The homework will be submitted by the students tomorrow.
5. The car was being repaired when I arrived.

Section 4:

- 1 - c: The mural was painted by the artist.
- 2 - d: The event will be organized by her.
- 3 - e: The documentary is being watched by them.
- 4 - a: The report was reviewed by the manager.
- 5 - b: The test was being taken by the students.

