



Mini Lesson 136 - The Passive Voice in Different Tenses

The passive voice is used when we want to focus on the action itself rather than who is performing the action. In the passive voice, the subject of the sentence is acted upon by the verb. This is formed using a form of the verb "to be" and the past participle of the main verb.

When to Use the Passive Voice:

- When the doer of the action is unknown or unimportant.
- When we want to emphasize the action or the recipient of the action.

Structure:

- **Present Simple Passive:** am/is/are + past participle

Example: The book is read by the students.

- **Past Simple Passive:** was/were + past participle

Example: The cake was eaten by the children.

- **Future Simple Passive:** will be + past participle

Example: The project will be completed by next week.

- **Present Perfect Passive:** has/have been + past participle

Example: The homework has been finished by the students.





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb in the passive voice.

1. The letters _____ (send) yesterday.
2. The song _____ (sing) by the choir every year.
3. The homework _____ (finish) by the students before the deadline.
4. The movie _____ (watch) by a lot of people last weekend.
5. The plants _____ (water) every morning.

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.

1. The teacher explains the lesson.
The lesson _____ (explain) by the teacher.
2. They will complete the project by Friday.
The project _____ (complete) by Friday.
3. The chef is cooking the meal.
The meal _____ (cook) by the chef.
4. My dad has repaired the car.
The car _____ (repair) by my dad.
5. We read the book in class.
The book _____ (read) in class.





Section 3: Choose the Correct Form

Circle the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

1. The paintings (is/are) displayed in the gallery.
2. The results (was/were) announced yesterday.
3. The house (will be/will being) painted next week.
4. English (is/are) spoken all over the world.
5. The tickets (have/has) been sold out.

Section 4: Match the Sentences

Match the active voice sentences with their passive voice counterparts.

1. A. She makes the cake.
 2. B. They built the bridge.
 3. C. The teacher will check the homework.
 4. D. The company has launched a new product.
 5. E. Someone is cleaning the room.
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- i. The homework will be checked by the teacher.
 - ii. The room is being cleaned by someone.
 - iii. A new product has been launched by the company.
 - iv. The cake is made by her.
 - v. The bridge was built by them.

Section 5: Complete the Conversation

Fill in the blanks with the correct passive voice form.

A: Have you heard about the new park?

B: Yes, I heard it _____ (build) last month.

A: I think it _____ (open) to the public next week.

B: I hope the playground _____ (make) safe for children.

A: Of course, safety is very important!





Answers:

Section 1:

1. were sent
2. is sung
3. has been finished
4. was watched
5. are watered

Section 2:

1. The lesson is explained by the teacher.
2. The project will be completed by Friday.
3. The meal is being cooked by the chef.
4. The car has been repaired by my dad.
5. The book is read in class.

Section 3:

1. are
2. were
3. will be
4. is
5. have

Section 4:

- 1 - iv
- 2 - v
- 3 - i
- 4 - iii
- 5 - ii

Section 5:

1. is being built
2. is opening
3. will be made

