

Passive voice

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1 Turn the sentences into the passive. Keep the tense.

Object becomes subject. be in the tense of the active verb + past participle. Simple present: is cleaned. Simple past: was built. Present perfect: has been arrested. will: will be opened.

- a) Someone cleans the classroom every day.
- b) They built this bridge in 1932.
- c) The police have arrested two men.
- d) Shakespeare wrote Hamlet.
- e) They will open the new library next year.
- f) People speak English all over the world.

2 Active or passive? Write A or P and name the tense.

Passive = form of be + past participle.

- a) The letter was sent yesterday.
- b) She has written three novels.
- c) The winners will be announced on Friday.
- d) Rice is grown in Asia.
- e) They are repairing the road.

3 With or without by? Rewrite in the passive and decide whether the agent is needed.

Use by + agent only if the agent is important or new information. Leave out somebody, people, they.

- a) A famous architect designed the building.
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- b) Somebody stole my bike last night.
- c) The teacher corrected the tests.
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- d) People produce a lot of plastic waste every year.
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4 Describe how a product is made. Six sentences in the passive.

First, the cocoa beans are harvested. Then they are ...

- a) Chocolate: harvest cocoa beans - dry and roast them - grind them into a paste - add sugar and milk - pour into moulds - pack the bars