

# Passive Voice

## Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

**We use the Passive Voice (be + past participle) when the subject of a verb is the recipient of the verb's action. It is often used when it's not clear or important who does an action.**

**A. Match the beginnings of the Passive Voice sentences with the correct endings, using a suitable preposition. Some prepositions can be used more than once.**

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| 1. The chair is made .....           | a. _____ flour and eggs.    |
| 2. Solar panels are designed .....   | b. _____ Leonardo Da Vinci. |
| 3. The Mona Lisa was painted .....   | c. _____ South America.     |
| 4. Buckets are used .....            | d. _____ 1927.              |
| 5. Pancakes are made .....           | e. _____ capture sunlight.  |
| 6. Sugar is grown .....              | f. _____ carrying water.    |
| 7. The television was invented ..... | g. _____ wood.              |

**B. Decide whether the sentences below are written in the Active or Passive Voice and complete them using one of the verbs in the box in the correct form.**

write    find    execute    wear    discover    use    invent    end    make    produce

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| 1. Bread ..... with yeast and flour. | 6. 'Imagine' ..... by John Lennon. |
| 2. Vodka ..... in Russia.            | 7. World War II ..... in 1945.     |
| 3. Babies ..... nappies.             | 8. Cutlery ..... for eating.       |
| 4. Ice cream ..... by the Chinese.   | 9. Giraffes ..... in Africa.       |
| 5. Che Guevara ..... in 1928.        | 10. Isaac Newton ..... gravity.    |

**C. Change the sentences below to the Passive Voice.**

1. They serve lunch at 12 every day. ....
2. Mary planted the tree. ....
3. I spent my childhood in Africa. ....
4. The robber held up the bank. ....
5. The driver picked me up. ....
6. Someone cleans the room daily. ....
7. The milkman found the body. ....

**D. Working with a partner, complete the facts below in the correct form of the Passive Voice. Use one of the verbs in the box in each sentence, and guess what the last word is.**

assassinate   design   use   direct   hold   find   speak   win   invent   produce

1. The 2020 Olympic Games ..... in ..... (year)
2. The Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona ..... by ..... (person)
3. The currency that ..... in Russia is the ..... (currency)
4. The main language which ..... in the Netherlands is ..... (language)
5. The 2018 FIFA World Cup ..... by ..... (country)
6. The country in which the most coffee ..... is ..... (country)
7. Lemurs ..... in ..... (country)
8. Star Wars ..... by ..... (person)
9. The lightbulb ..... by ..... (person)
10. President John F Kennedy ..... in ..... (year)

**E. Think of a country and create some factual sentences about it, using the type of word indicated, followed by the verb in brackets in the Present Simple Passive.**

In this country (.....):

1. .... (language) ..... (speak)
2. .... (product) ..... (export)
3. .... (food) ..... (eat)
4. .... (animals) ..... (find)
5. .... (religion) ..... (practise)
6. .... (sport) ..... (play)
7. .... (currency) ..... (use)
8. .... (food) ..... (grow)
9. .... (holiday) ..... (celebrate)
10. .... (attraction / place) ..... (visit) by tourists

**After you have completed your sentences, read them out to your partner and see if they can guess the country you are describing.**

*For more about the Passive Voice + quiz see: [englishclub.com/passive](http://www.englishclub.com/passive)*