

Passive Voice

Teacher's Notes

Level: Intermediate

In this Passive Voice activity, students practise using the Passive Voice in the Present and Past Simple tenses, both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To practise the Passive Voice through a variety of written and communicative exercises.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by matching the sentence halves, adding the correct preposition.

answer key:

1. g, of 2. e, to 3. b, by 4. f, for 5. a, with 6. c, in 7. d, in

Exercise B: Next, students decide whether the sentences are written in the Active or Passive Voice and complete them using one of the verbs in the correct form.

answer key:

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| 1. is made | 6. was written |
| 2. is produced | 7. ended |
| 3. wear | 8. is used |
| 4. was invented | 9. are found |
| 5. was executed | 10. discovered |

Exercise C: Students then transform the sentences into the Passive Voice.

answer key:

1. Lunch is served at 12 every day.
2. The tree was planted by Mary.
3. My childhood was spent in Africa.
4. The bank was held up by the robber.
5. I was picked up by the driver.
6. The room is cleaned daily.
7. The body was found by the milkman.

Exercise D: Students then work with a partner and try to complete the facts in the Passive Voice, using one of the verbs and guessing the missing noun. This can be done as a race between pairs if desired.

answer key:

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| 1. were held, 2021 | 6. is produced, Brazil |
| 2. was designed, Antonio Gaudi | 7. are found, Madagascar |
| 3. is used, rouble | 8. was directed, George Lucas |
| 4. is spoken, Dutch | 9. was invented, Thomas Edison |
| 5. was won, France | 10. was assassinated, 1963 |

Exercise E: Lastly, students think of a country and complete the sentences in the Present Simple Passive with facts about that country. Once they have completed their sentences, they read them to their partner who must then guess the country. This can then be repeated with another partner.

answer key:

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| 1. is spoken | 2. is exported | 3. is eaten | 4. are found | 5. is practised |
| 6. is played | 7. is used | 8. is grown | 9. is celebrated | 10. is visited |