



The Passive Voice — A2 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. This bridge ____ in 1974.
A) was built B) built C) is build D) were built
2. The rooms ____ every morning.
A) clean B) is cleaned C) are cleaned D) cleaning
3. Coffee ____ in more than fifty countries.
A) grow B) grows C) is growing D) is grown
4. The letters ____ yesterday afternoon.
A) was sent B) are sent C) were sent D) sent
5. Which sentence is passive?
A) Somebody stole my bike. B) My bike disappeared.
C) I lost my bike. D) My bike was stolen.
6. This song ____ by a Georgian composer.
A) was written B) wrote C) was wrote D) is writing
7. The parcel ____ tomorrow morning.
A) will deliver B) will delivered C) will be delivered D) is deliver
8. Make this active sentence passive: They repair bicycles here.
A) Bicycles are repaired here. B) Bicycles repair here.
C) Bicycles were repaired here. D) Bicycles is repaired here.
9. The museum ____ every Monday.
A) close B) is closed C) are closed D) closing
10. My car ____ last week.
A) were serviced B) was serviced C) is serviced D) serviced

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. This house _____ built in 1890.
2. The offices _____ cleaned every evening.

3. Rice is _____ in many parts of Asia.
4. The invitations _____ sent out last week.
5. My bicycle was _____ from outside the library.
6. The report will _____ published in March.
7. That novel was written _____ a Turkish author.
8. The museum _____ closed on public holidays.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. This / 1890. / house / built / was / in

Date a construction without naming the builder.

2. The / cleaned / every / are / rooms / morning.

Describe a hotel routine in the present passive.

3. stolen / was / last / My / night. / bicycle

Report a theft without naming a thief.

4. is / countries. / grown / many / Coffee / in

State a general fact about agriculture.

5. were / on / Monday. / The / sent / letters

Report a dispatch with a plural subject.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **A) was built** — A singular subject in the past passive takes was plus the participle.
2. **C) are cleaned** — A plural subject in the present passive takes are plus the participle.
3. **D) is grown** — The coffee does not grow itself in this sense; it is grown by farmers.
4. **C) were sent** — A plural subject in the past passive takes were.
5. **D) My bike was stolen.** — Was plus a past participle is the passive structure.
6. **A) was written** — Write, wrote, written — the passive needs the third form.
7. **C) will be delivered** — The future passive is will be plus the past participle.
8. **A) Bicycles are repaired here.** — A present passive with a plural subject takes are plus the participle.
9. **B) is closed** — A singular subject in the present passive takes is.
10. **B) was serviced** — A singular subject in the past passive takes was.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **was** — A singular subject in the past passive takes was.
2. **are** — A plural subject in the present passive takes are.
3. **grown** — Grow, grew, grown — the passive needs the past participle.
4. **were** — A plural subject in the past passive takes were.
5. **stolen** — Steal, stole, stolen — the participle is required.
6. **be** — The future passive is will be plus the past participle.
7. **by** — The by phrase introduces the agent of a passive sentence.
8. **is** — A singular subject in the present passive takes is.

C. Sentence building

1. **This house was built in 1890.**
2. **The rooms are cleaned every morning.**
3. **My bicycle was stolen last night.**
4. **Coffee is grown in many countries.**
5. **The letters were sent on Monday.**