



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) built B) was 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 grown D) is growing
4. The letters ____ yesterday afternoon.
A) was sent B) were sent C) are sent D) sent
5. Which sentence is passive?
A) Somebody stole my bike. B) My bike was stolen.
C) My bike disappeared. D) I lost my bike.
6. This song ____ by a Georgian composer.
A) wrote B) was wrote C) was written D) is writing
7. The parcel ____ tomorrow morning.
A) will deliver B) will be delivered C) will delivered D) is deliver
8. Make this active sentence passive: They repair bicycles here.
A) Bicycles repair here. B) Bicycles are repaired 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) was serviced B) were 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. **B) 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. **C) is grown** — The coffee does not grow itself in this sense; it is grown by farmers.
4. **B) were sent** — A plural subject in the past passive takes were.
5. **B) My bike was stolen.** — Was plus a past participle is the passive structure.
6. **C) was written** — Write, wrote, written — the passive needs the third form.
7. **B) will be delivered** — The future passive is will be plus the past participle.
8. **B) 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. **A) 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.**