#### **GRAMMAR DRILL**

# PASSIVE VOICE (SIMPLE PRESENT AND SIMPLE PAST)

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1	Check	<b>(</b> / )	) the	sentences	in	passive	voice.
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<b>✓</b>	1	The rooms are cleaned every day.
<b>✓</b>	2	Butter is made from milk.
	3	The police arrested two burglars yesterday.
	4	Many people buy organic food.
<b>✓</b>	5	Lots of self-help books were sold last year.
	6	The government builds hospitals every year
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# 2 Underline the correct option.

1 A new president was / is elected yesterday.

7 The windows were broken with a stone.

- 2 Amy and Ryan <u>were</u> / was questioned by the police.
- 3 Coffee grows / is grown in Colombia.
- 4 My laptop is / was stolen last week.
- 5 This TV program *is watched* / watched by lots of people.
- 6 Last year they won / was won the cup.
- 7 The police was closed / <u>closed</u> the road yesterday.

# 3 Complete the sentences with the active or passive voice form of the verbs from the box.

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pronoun	ice b	uild	play

- 1 Her present was delivered yesterday.
- 2 The cake was made to celebrate the day.
- 3 This house <u>was built</u> one hundred years ago.
- 4 The magazine <u>was written</u> by the students.
- 5 This word <u>is pronounced</u> the same as foot.

- 6 Soccer <u>is played</u> in most countries around the world.
- 7 The telephone <u>was invented</u> by Alexander Graham Bell.

#### 4 Circle the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 This box was deliver this morning.
- 2 Complaints deal with our customer services department.
- 3 This blog write by scientists.
- 4 Many countries are produced corn.
- 5 We(taught) by a different teacher yesterday.
- 6 The painting(is)damaged by the rains last winter.
- 7 We was chosen Tim as the new president of the student council.

#### 5 Rewrite the sentences using active voice.

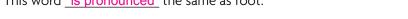
- 1 This backpack was left in the classroom yesterday. Someone left this backpack in the classroom yesterday.
- 2 English is spoken all over the world.

People all over the world speak English.

- **3** A new sports club was opened by the city council last month.
  - The city council opened a new sports club last month.
- 4 The results of the competition were announced some minutes ago by the judges.

  The judges announced the results of the competition some minutes ago.
- More than 2000 cars are sold by our company every month.
   Our company sells more than 2000 cars every month.

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6	This	watch	was	given	to	me	bу	my	parent	ts.
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My parents gave me this watch.

7 Visitors are allowed to take pictures inside the museum.

The museum allows visitors to take pictures inside.

### 6 Rewrite the sentences using passive voice.

1 They paint the house every two years.

The house is painted every two years.

2 Millions of people visit Paris every year.

Paris is visited by millions of people every year.

3 Someone stole my wallet.

My wallet was stolen.

4 They serve dinner at 8:00 p.m.

Dinner is served at 8:00 p.m.

5 A man helped the old woman.

The old woman was helped by a man.

6 Van Gogh painted this portrait.

This portrait was painted by Van Gogh.

7 Last month archeologists discovered a new tomb in Egypt.

Last month, a new tomb was discovered in Egypt by archeologists.

# 7 Write sentences in passive or active voice with the phrases provided.

1 two people / injure / in the accident (passive voice)

Students' own answers.

2 a king / build / the castle / years ago (active voice)

Students' own answers.

- 3 glass / make / from sand (passive voice)
  Students' own answers.
- 4 this room / use / very often (passive voice) Students' own answers.
- 5 I / wake up / by a noise / this morning (passive voice)

Students' own answers.

- 6 Mexico / have / 68 languages (active voice) Students' own answers.
- 7 Jorge / send / the email / yesterday (active voice)

Students' own answers.

# 8 Write five sentences in passive voice with the verbs provided. Write three in simple present and two in simple past.

1	grow: _	Students' own answers.
2	build:	Students' own answers.
3	make: _	Students' own answers.
4	invent:	Students' own answers.
5	discove	r: Students' own answers.

