

GRAMMAR DRILL

PASSIVE VOICE (SIMPLE PRESENT AND SIMPLE PAST)

NAME: _____

1 Check (✓) the sentences in passive voice.

- 1 The rooms are cleaned every day.
- 2 Butter is made from milk.
- 3 The police arrested two burglars yesterday.
- 4 Many people buy organic food.
- 5 Lots of self-help books were sold last year.
- 6 The government builds hospitals every year.
- 7 The windows were broken with a stone.

2 Underline the correct option.

- 1 A new president was / is elected yesterday.
- 2 Amy and Ryan were / 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 / closed the road yesterday.

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

write	make	invent	deliver
pronounce	build	play	

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

- 6 Soccer is played in most countries around the world.
- 7 The telephone was invented 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.
- 5 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 by my parents.

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 discover: Students' own answers.