

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 _____ yesterday.
- 2 The cake _____ to celebrate the day.
- 3 This house _____ one hundred years ago.
- 4 The magazine _____ by the students.
- 5 This word _____ the same as foot.

- 6 Soccer _____ in most countries around the world.
- 7 The telephone _____ 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.

- 2 English is spoken all over the world.

- 3 A new sports club was opened by the city council last month.

- 4 The results of the competition were announced some minutes ago by the judges.

- 5 More than 2000 cars are sold by our company every month.

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6 This watch was given to me by my parents.

7 Visitors are allowed to take pictures inside the museum.

6 Rewrite the sentences using passive voice.

1 They paint the house every two years.

2 Millions of people visit Paris every year.

3 Someone stole my wallet.

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

5 A man helped the old woman.

6 Van Gogh painted this portrait.

7 Last month archeologists discovered a new tomb in Egypt.

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

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

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

3 glass / make / from sand (passive voice)

4 this room / use / very often (passive voice)

5 I / wake up / by a noise / this morning
(passive voice)

6 Mexico / have / 68 languages (active voice)

7 Jorge / send / the email / yesterday
(active voice)

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

1 grow: _____

2 build: _____

3 make: _____

4 invent: _____

5 discover: _____
