

Passive voice - Test 1 - Answers

A - Are the sentences written in Active or Passive?

1) Steven likes to play baseball.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

2) Bingo is played in Britain.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

3) He lost his keys yesterday.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

4) A letter was written.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

5) They are listening to their music.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

6) They often read e-mails.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

7) These cars are produced in Italy.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

8) French is spoken in Niger.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

9) Lots of houses were destroyed.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

10) The bus driver was hurt.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

B - Make Passive forms from the given phrases. Mind the tenses in brackets.

1) English - to speak (Simple Present) English is spoken

2) films - to watch (Simple Present) films are watched

3) posters - to make (Simple Present) posters are made

4) stories - to tell (Simple Present) stories are told

5) computer games - to buy (Simple Present) computer games are bought

6) books - to write (Simple Past) books were written

7) volleyball - to play (Simple Past) volleyball was played

8) songs - to sing (Simple Past) songs were sung

9) skateboards - to ride (Simple Past) skateboards were ridden

10) a prize - to win (Simple Past) a prize was won

C - Rewrite the Active sentences into Passive.

- 1) They understand Spanish.
Spanish is understood (by them).
- 2) My friend bought a new car.
A new car was bought (by my friend).
- 3) John cleaned the bathroom.
The bathroom was cleaned (by John).
- 4) The teacher closes the window.
The window is closed (by the teacher).
- 5) The girls can play handball.
Handball can be played (by the girls).
- 6) Our dog did not bite the cat.
The cat was not bitten (by our dog).
- 7) The mechanic repairs cars.
Cars are repaired (by the mechanic).
- 8) The electricians test the fire alarm.
The fire alarm is tested (by the electricians).
- 9) Levi Strauss invented the blue jeans.
The blue jeans were invented (by Levi Strauss).
- 10) Frank takes photos.
Photos are taken (by Frank).

D - Rewrite the Passive sentences into Active.

- 1) The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.
Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.
- 2) This book was written by an Irishman.
An Irishman wrote this book.
- 3) The president was elected by the people.
The people elected the president.
- 4) The bag was packed by his mother.
His mother packed the bag.
- 5) The child was hit by a car.
A car hit the child.
- 6) The exercise is completed by the teacher.
The teacher completes the exercise.
- 7) The club was founded by Ron and Peggy.
Ron and Peggy founded the club.
- 8) Football is played by the children.
The children play football.
- 9) The computer is used by Patrick.
Patrick uses the computer.
- 10) Coffee is sold by Marie.
Marie sells coffee.