

## The Passive Voice

Passive Voice	Present	Past	Future
<b>Simple</b>	____/are/is given	was/____given	will be given
<b>Continuous</b>	am/are/--- being given	was/were being giv---	
<b>Perfect</b>	____/have been given	had been _____ -	will have been giv----

**Present Simple Passive:** My wallet \_\_\_\_ stolen

**Past Simple Passive:** My wallet \_\_\_\_\_ stolen

**Future Simple Passive:** My wallet \_\_\_\_\_ stolen

**Present Continuous Passive:** My wallet \_\_\_\_ be+ stolen

**Past Continuous Passive:** My wallet \_\_\_\_\_ stolen

**Present Perfect Passive:** My wallet has be+ stolen

**Past Perfect Passive:** My wallet \_\_\_\_been stolen

**Future Perfect Passive:** My wallet \_\_\_\_\_ stolen

**Test**

1. Many accidents (to cause) \_\_\_\_ careless driving.
2. Did she go to the party? Unfortunately, she (to invite) to the party yesterday. So, she \_\_\_\_ so upset.
3. I have no free time because I'm too busy at my work, so our flat (to clean) \_\_\_\_ my daughter. Fortunately, she always \_\_\_\_ (to do) it with pleasure.
4. I used to make breakfast for my children when they attended school, but now meals mostly (to cook) \_\_\_\_ my husband.
5. Did you sleep well last night? No, haven't slept at all. At midnight we (to wake up) \_\_\_\_ our neighbour's loud voice. Then I couldn't fall asleep.
6. Sorry, I didn't catch you. How (to pronounce) this word?
7. Thousands of people (to kill Pr. Cont.) during this dreadful war.
8. Thousands of people (to kill-Pr. Perf. Passive) since the beginning of this dreadful war.
9. The journalist said that thousands of people (to kill-Past. Perf. Passive) since the beginning of that dreadful war.
10. John's parents died when he was a baby, so he and his sister (to bring up) \_\_\_\_ their grandparents.
11. Can you see that building with columns? No, I can't, it (to surround) \_\_\_\_ high trees.
12. While I was on holiday my camera (to steal) from the hotel room. The policeman said that it could (steal) \_\_\_\_ the person familiar to me.
13. Sometimes it's quite noisy to live in the city center, but it's not problem for me, I not (to bother) by it.
14. How much of the Earth's surface (to cover) by water?
15. This article (to publish F. Per.) in the magazine by the next week.
16. (to bite- Pr. Perfect Passive) ever \_\_\_\_ a dog?

## Exercises

**42.1** Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:

<del>cause</del>	damage	hold	invite	make
overtake	show	surround	translate	write

- Many accidents are caused by dangerous driving.
- Cheese is made from milk.
- The roof of the building was damaged in a storm a few days ago.
- You are invited to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- A cinema is a place where films are shown.
- In the United States, elections for president are held every four years.
- Originally the book was written in Spanish, and a few years ago it was translated into English.
- Although we were driving fast, we were overtaken by a lot of other cars.
- You can't see the house from the road. It is surrounded by trees.

**42.2** Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.

- Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?
- Ask about television. (when / invent?) When was television invented?
- Ask about mountains. (how / form?) How were mountains formed?
- Ask about antibiotics. (when / discover?) When were antibiotics discovered?
- Ask about silver. (what / use for?) What is silver used for?

**42.3** Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.

- It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.
- Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?
- Water covers (cover) most of the earth's surface.
- How much of the earth's surface is covered (cover) by water?
- The park gates are locked (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.
- The letter was sent (send) a week ago and it (arrive) yesterday.
- The boat hit a rock and sank (sink) quickly. Fortunately everybody was rescued (rescue).
- Robert's parents died (die) when he was very young. He and his sister were brought up (bring up) by their grandparents.
- I was born in London, but I grew up (grow up) in Canada.
- While I was on holiday, my camera was stolen (steal) from my hotel room.
- While I was on holiday, my camera disappeared (disappear) from my hotel room.
- Why did Sue resign (Sue / resign) from her job? Didn't she enjoy it?
- Why was Ben fired (Ben / fire) from his job? Did he do something wrong?
- The company is not independent. It is owned (own) by a much larger company.
- I saw an accident last night. Somebody called (call) an ambulance but nobody was injured (injure), so the ambulance was not needed (not / need).
- Where are these pictures taken (these pictures / take)? In London?
- Sometimes it's quite noisy living here, but it's not a problem for me – I am not bothered (not / bother) by it.

**42.4** Rewrite these sentences. Instead of using **somebody**, **they**, **people** etc., write a passive sentence.

- Somebody cleans the room every day. The room is cleaned every day.
- They cancelled all flights because of fog. All flights were cancelled because of fog.
- People don't use this road much. This road is not used much.
- Somebody accused me of stealing money. I was accused of stealing money.
- How do people learn languages? How are languages learned?
- People warned us not to go out alone. We were warned not to go out alone.

