

PASSIVE VOICE

PRACTICE:

I. Complete the sentences, change the verbs from active to passive:

1. Some vegetables are grown (by her) in her garden.
2. The hamster is kept in the cage.
3. Such an amazing play was written by Shakespeare!
4. The farmer's wagon is being pulled by the horses.
5. I won't be fooled by his trick.
6. Was that note written by Tommy?
7. A special report is being worked on (by Alex).
8. Yoko was invited to the wedding.
9. The club was founded in 1999.
10. Coffee was sold by Marie in a small shop on Dickens street.
11. The fire alarm is tested by the electricians.
12. The bathroom was cleaned by John.
13. That cat wasn't bitten by our dog.
14. The pictures are being hung on the wall by Julie.
15. The dog had been fed before he left.
16. By next week, the computers will have been fixed.
17. A new washing powder has been developed (by them).
18. I was being given the keys when he saw me.
19. Bananas are being eaten by the monkeys on the trees.
20. The servant was punished by the master.
21. Is that course taught by professor Johnson?
22. He has been attacked by a dangerous tiger.
23. A new house will be built (by them) in this neighborhood.
24. His wallet was lost when he was running to work.
25. Some dolphins might be seen here.

II. Make complete sentences with the given words:

1. The sweater is made in England.
2. A letter was sent to her some days ago.
3. They are repairing the bicycle right now.
4. The grapes are grown in California.
5. Julia rescued three wild cats yesterday.
6. Jimmy loves playing the guitar.
7. The reports were handed in three days later than the deadline.
8. Dinner had been cooked before she went to the cinema last night.
9. The mechanic hasn't repaired the DVD player yet.
10. Grandma was watering the flowers when I came to pick her up yesterday.

11. The students are taught how to use the computer.
12. That man writes some great poems.
13. The bridge was constructed a month ago.
14. The beds had been made before we entered the room yesterday morning.
15. My grandfather will have retired by the end of next month.

II. Change the active to passive and the passive to active:

1. All the words are going to be explained by the teacher.
2. You / We can cook beans and carrots together.
3. They / we / I will replace the computers tomorrow.
4. Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulbs.
5. A speech was being given by Andy.
6. The best cheese is produced in France.
7. A package was delivered to our department yesterday.
8. The professor read the reports very carefully.
9. The woman was taken to the hospital.
10. The bank has been robbed.
11. They / We / People make chocolate from the seeds of roasted cocoa beans.
12. The thief was arrested by the police this morning.
13. The truth should be told by James.
14. Papers written in pencil won't be accepted.
15. Her interest in singing should be encouraged.
16. You / We can find product information on the Internet.
17. The printer is used for school work only.
18. The lights had been turned off before he left.
19. That story has been told by an old man.
20. I wasn't surprised by the news.

III. Choose the correct answers:

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| 1. C | 6. D | 11. B |
| 2. C | 7. D | 12. A |
| 3. B | 8. A | 13. D |
| 4. A | 9. C | 14. A |
| 5. D | 10. B | 15. C |