

Advanced Passive

Passive in all tenses + reporting structures

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

subject + be (any tense) + past participle; agent optional with 'by'.

1 Choose the correct passive form

EASY

Pick the correct passive structure.

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| 1. The report ____ by tomorrow. (submit) | 2. This building ____ in 1850. (construct) |
| 3. The results ____ already. (announce) | 4. The road ____ right now. (repair) |
| 5. The contract ____ next week. (sign) | 6. Several files ____ by the hacker. (access) |
| 7. The project ____ before we arrived. (complete) | 8. New rules ____ since last month. (introduce) |
| 9. The decision ____ by the board. (make) | 10. The car ____ every year. (service) |

2 Reporting passives

MEDIUM

Rewrite using impersonal passive reporting.

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| 1. People believe he is innocent. | 2. They say she earns a lot. |
| 3. Experts think the economy will grow. | 4. People know they worked hard. |
| 5. They report that the plan failed. | 6. People consider her very talented. |
| 7. It seems he has left the company. | 8. They expect prices to rise. |
| 9. People allege he committed fraud. | 10. Authorities claim the suspect fled. |

3 Modal passives

HARD

Choose the correct modal passive form.

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| 1. The report ____ by Friday. (must/submit) | 2. These instructions ____ clearly. (should/follow) |
| 3. Mistakes ____ at all costs. (must/avoid) | 4. The old files ____ before deletion. (should/back up) |
| 5. Results ____ within 24 hours. (may/release) | 6. A new system ____ next year. (will/implement) |
| 7. This problem ____ earlier. (could/solve) | 8. The deadline ____ if needed. (can/extend) |
| 9. The documents ____ in English. (must/write) | 10. The bridge ____ by the end of the year. (should/repair) |

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Mixed passive practice**HARD**

Write the full passive sentence.

1. build / the stadium / in 1999

3. repair / the road / currently

5. The plan / must / approve / first

7. inspect / the car / before the trip

9. It is believed / they / escape

2. announce / the winner / just now

4. They said / he / be / arrested

6. They know / she / be / talented

8. The exam / should / reschedule

10. translate / the document / into 5 languages

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Passive forms

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 will be submitted | 6 were accessed |
| 2 was constructed | 7 had been completed |
| 3 have already been announced | 8 have been introduced |
| 4 is being repaired | 9 was made |
| 5 will be signed | 10 is serviced |

2 Exercise 2 Reporting passives

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| 1 He is believed to be innocent | 6 She is considered very talented |
| 2 She is said to earn a lot | 7 He is said/seems to have left |
| 3 The economy is thought to grow | 8 Prices are expected to rise |
| 4 They are known to have worked hard | 9 He is alleged to have committed fraud |
| 5 It was reported that the plan failed | 10 The suspect is claimed to have fled |

3 Exercise 3 Modal passives

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| 1 must be submitted | 6 will be implemented |
| 2 should be followed | 7 could have been solved |
| 3 must be avoided | 8 can be extended |
| 4 should be backed up | 9 must be written |
| 5 may be released | 10 should be repaired |

4 Exercise 4 Full passive sentences

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| 1 The stadium was built in 1999 | 6 She is known to be talented |
| 2 The winner has just been announced | 7 The car is to be inspected before the trip |
| 3 The road is currently being repaired | 8 The exam should be rescheduled |
| 4 He was said/reported to have been arrested | 9 It is believed they have escaped |
| 5 The plan must be approved first | 10 The document was translated into 5 languages |