Passive Voice Worksheet with Answers

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Remember

Form	Example
be + past participle	English is spoken here. The car was stolen.
Every tense changes be, not the participle	is made · was made · has been made · will be made
by + agent only if it matters	The novel was written by Orwell.
Modal passive: modal + be + participle	The form must be signed.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
The bridge was build in 1890.	The bridge was built in 1890.
English is speak all over the world.	English is spoken all over the world.
The letter was wrote by my grandfather.	The letter was written by my grandfather.

1. Complete

Complete with the passive form of the verb and tense in brackets.

1. Coffee _____ (grow) in Colombia. (present)
2. The windows _____ (clean) yesterday. (past)
3. The new hospital _____ (open) next year. (future)
4. My bike _____ (steal)! (present perfect)
5. The report must _____ (finish) by Friday.
6. These houses _____ (build) in 1950. (past)
7. The email _____ (not / send) yet. (present perfect)
8. Spanish _____ (speak) in 20 countries. (present)
9. The winners _____ (announce) tomorrow. (future)
10. _____ the package _____ (deliver) yet? (present perfect)

2. Rewrite

Rewrite in the passive. Use by only when it adds information.

1. Someone cleans the office every day.

2. Picasso painted Guernica.

3. They will finish the road next month.

4. Somebody has taken my coffee.

5. You must wear a helmet.

6. The company employs 500 people.

3. Correct the mistakes

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. The museum was open in 1990.

2. English is speak all over the world.

3. My car has stolen.

4. The letter was wrote by my grandfather.

5. The results will announced tomorrow.

6. This bridge built in 1900.

Writing

Describe a famous building, product or dish from your country in 6 sentences. Use at least four passive sentences (where it is made, when it was built, who it was designed by…).

Speaking

- Describe how something is made or done in your job, step by step, using the passive.
- What is your city known for? What is produced there?
- Talk about a famous building or work of art: when was it built or made, and by whom?
- What changes have been made in your company or school recently?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 is grown · 2 were cleaned · 3 will be opened · 4 has been stolen · 5 be finished · 6 were built · 7 hasn't been sent · 8 is spoken · 9 will be announced · 10 Has … been delivered

2. Rewrite: 1 The office is cleaned every day. · 2 Guernica was painted by Picasso. · 3 The road will be finished next month. · 4 My coffee has been taken. · 5 A helmet must be worn. · 6 500 people are employed by the company.

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 The museum was opened in 1990. · 2 English is spoken all over the world. · 3 My car has been stolen. · 4 The letter was written by my grandfather. · 5 The results will be announced tomorrow. · 6 This bridge was built in 1900.

Writing, model answer: The Obelisk is one of the most famous monuments in Buenos Aires. It was built in 1936 to celebrate the city's 400th anniversary. It was designed by the architect Alberto Prebisch. It was finished in just over a month. Today it is visited by thousands of tourists every year, and it is used as a meeting point for big celebrations.