

GRAMMAR: PASSIVE VOICE TENSES & EXERCISES

	ACTIVE VOICE	PASSIVE VOICE
SIMPLE PRESENT	The graphic artist designs the poster layout	The poster layout is designed by the graphic artist
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	The graphic artist is designing the poster layout	The poster layout is being designed by the graphic artist
SIMPLE PAST	The graphic artist designed the poster layout	The poster layout was designed by the graphic artist
PAST CONTINUOUS	The graphic artist was designing the poster layout	The poster layout was being designed by the graphic artist
SIMPLE FUTURE	The graphic artist will design the poster layout	The poster layout will be designed by the graphic artist
PRESENT PERFECT	The graphic artist has designed the poster layout	The poster layout has been designed by the graphic artist
PAST PERFECT	The graphic artist had designed the poster layout	The poster layout had been designed by the graphic artist
FUTURE PERFECT	The graphic artist will have designed the poster layout	The poster layout will have been designed by the graphic artist
GERUND	Designing	Being designed
INFINITIVE	To design	To be designed

ACTIVE PASSIVE VOICE: word order/ syntax

1. The police have arrested the thieves

The thieves have been arrested ~~by the police~~

2. Somebody broke the window yesterday

The window was broken yesterday ~~by somebody~~

3. Picasso painted this picture

This picture was painted by Picasso

4. The villagers put out the fire

The fire was put out by the villagers

5. The firefighters put out the fire immediately

The fire was put out ~~by the firefighters~~ immediately

6. The Public Relations Office has submitted 5 applications.

Five applications have been submitted by the Public Relations Office

7. We have submitted 5 applications already.

Five applications have been submitted already ~~by us~~.

8. Somebody must clean the house

The house must be cleaned

ACTIVE PASSIVE VOICE: double-object verbs word order/ syntax

1. Someone gave **Mary a ring**.

Mary was given a ring

A ring was given to Mary

2. They have told **him the truth**

He has been told the truth

The truth has been told to him

3. We will send **you a new set** tomorrow

You will be sent a new set tomorrow

A new set will be sent to you tomorrow

4. They are showing **the students a video** at the moment

The students are being shown a video at the moment

A video is being shown to the students at the moment

5. Someone threw **a ball to him**

He was thrown a ball

A ball was thrown to him

6. They are going to offer **him a promotion**

He is going to be offered a promotion

A promotion is going to be offered to him

A. Choose the correct answer

1. In those days, French by all students in the school.
 - a. studied
 - b. was being studied
 - c. had studied
 - d. was studied
2. Sue to be the best volley ball player in the school.
 - a. they consider
 - b. is considering
 - c. is considered
 - d. she is considered
3. "Has our coach told us about next week's training schedule?"
"Yes. We a really full schedule"
 - a. have given
 - b. have been given
 - c. are given
 - d. had given
4. This time next week, we in the tennis tournament.
 - a. will be played
 - b. will be playing
 - c. are being played
 - d. will play
5. The championship every 5 years.
 - a. is held
 - b. is being held
 - c. is holding
 - d. has been held
6. Entries for the 5km race must by next Monday.
 - a. have received
 - b. have been received
 - c. receive
 - d. be received
7. The spectators left the stadium after all the medals
 - a. have been awarded
 - b. awarded
 - c. had been awarded
 - d. were being awarded
8. How many athletes are In the opening ceremony?
 - a. involved
 - b. involving
 - c. involve
 - d. we involve
9. All the contestants by the end of last week.
 - a. should inform
 - b. should be informed

- c. should have informed
 - d. should have been informed
10. By the time she calls, we to the coach.
- a. had spoken
 - b. are going to speak
 - c. have been spoken
 - d. will have spoken

B. Rewrite the sentences into the Passive Voice. Do not mention the agent unless it seems necessary.

1. People steal things from supermarkets every day. In fact, someone stole 20 bottles of wine from this one last week.
2. The postman clears this box twice a day. He last cleared it at 2.30.
3. Someone has turned on a light in the hall and has opened the door.
4. Somebody will send you the bill.
5. We build over 100 new houses a year.
6. We serve hot meals till 10.30, and guests can order coffee and sandwiches up to 11.30.
7. Can't we do something about the situation?
8. Netflix shows audiences various films.
9. They are demolishing the entire block.
10. Passengers shouldn't throw away their tickets as inspectors may check these during the journey.
11. They didn't tell him the whole truth.
12. I'm afraid we have sold all our copies but we have ordered more.
13. Someone stole my car and abandoned it 15 miles away. He had removed the radio but done no other damage.
14. A stranger has given her the blue bag.
15. We had to give the books back. They didn't allow us to take them home.
16. They have tried other people's ideas. Why have they never tried mine?
17. They are flying in reinforcements.
18. All the ministers will see him off at the airport.
19. You mustn't move evidence. You'll have to leave it here.
20. You mustn't throw the ball to your opponents.