

What is Passive Voice Past Simple?

Worksheet

Passive voice past simple uses 'Subject + was/were + past participle (+ by agent)'. Singular: was; plural: were. Example: 'The email was sent yesterday.'

Questions

1. Convert to passive: 'The students completed the project yesterday.'

- A) The project was completed by the students yesterday.
- B) The project were completed yesterday.
- C) The project completed yesterday.
- D) Yesterday the project was completed by the students.

2. Which is correct?

- A) The cake was eaten yesterday.
- B) The cake were eaten yesterday.
- C) The cake was eat yesterday.
- D) The cake was being eat yesterday.

3. What form is 'The windows were broken by the storm'?

- A) Active voice present.
- B) Passive voice past simple.
- C) Passive voice present perfect.
- D) Active voice past simple.

4. Active: 'They invented electricity.' Passive form?

- A) Electricity was invented by them.
- B) Electricity were invented.
- C) Electricity was inventing.
- D) They were invented electricity.

5. Active: The team built a new stadium last year. Convert to passive.

6. Active: They discovered penicillin in 1928. Write in passive.

7. Active: The chef prepared the meals for the event. Make passive, with agent.

8. Define: What is passive voice past simple?

9. Define: How do you form passive voice past simple?

10. Define: When do you use 'was' vs. 'were' in passive past?

Answer Key

1. A) The project was completed by the students yesterday. — Singular 'project' + was + past participle 'completed'. The agent 'by the students' and time 'yesterday' are optional.
2. A) The cake was eaten yesterday. — Singular subject + was + past participle 'eaten'. 'Were' is for plural/you; 'eat' is not a participle.
3. B) Passive voice past simple. — 'Were broken' = was/were + past participle, indicating a past completed action.
4. A) Electricity was invented by them. — Singular 'electricity' + was + past participle 'invented'. 'By them' is awkward but grammatically correct.
5. Identify: Team (agent), built (past verb), stadium (object) Object becomes subject: stadium Verb form: 'built' → past participle 'built' (already past participle) Auxiliary: was/were → 'was' (singular 'stadium') Passive: A new stadium was built by the team last year.
6. Agent: They, Past verb: discovered, Object: penicillin Subject: Penicillin (singular → 'was') Past participle: 'discovered' (regular) Passive: Penicillin was discovered in 1928. Note: 'By they' is awkward; omit it or use 'by scientists'
7. Object (meals) becomes subject Auxiliary: 'was' (plural 'meals' → 'were') Past participle: 'prepared' Passive: The meals were prepared by the chef for the event. Note: Use 'were' for plural subject
8. A sentence about a completed past action focusing on the receiver — was/were + past participle.
9. Use 'was' (singular) or 'were' (plural) + past participle. Example: 'The car was repaired.'
10. 'Was' for singular subjects (the book). 'Were' for plural subjects (the books) and 'you'.

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