

What is Passive Voice Present Simple?

Worksheet

Passive voice present simple uses the form 'Subject + is/are + past participle (+ by agent)'. It emphasizes the receiver of the action rather than who performs it.

Questions

1. Convert to passive: 'They build houses every year.'
A) Houses are built every year.
B) Houses is built every year.
C) Houses are build every year.
D) Every year houses are built by them.
2. Which is correct passive voice present simple?
A) The letter is write.
B) The letter is written.
C) The letter are written.
D) The letter is writing.
3. Why would you omit 'by the agent' in passive voice?
A) The agent is always omitted.
B) When the agent is unknown or unimportant.
C) When the sentence is too long.
D) When the verb is irregular.
4. Active: 'The chef prepares the meal.' Passive form?
A) The meal is preparing by the chef.
B) The meal is prepared by the chef.
C) The meal are prepared by the chef.
D) By the chef the meal is prepared.
5. Active: The baker makes fresh bread daily. Write in passive voice.
6. Active: Scientists conduct many experiments. Convert to passive.
7. Active: John writes the report. Make it passive without the agent.
8. Define: What is passive voice present simple?
9. Define: How do you form passive voice in present simple?
10. Define: What is the difference between 'The book is read' and 'The book reads'?

Answer Key

1. A) Houses are built every year. — Plural subject 'houses' needs 'are'. Past participle 'built' is correct. 'By them' is optional.
2. B) The letter is written. — Singular subject 'letter' + 'is' + past participle 'written'. 'Write' is not a past participle; 'writing' is gerund/present participle.
3. B) When the agent is unknown or unimportant. — Example: 'The window was broken.' (We don't know who broke it.) Including 'by someone' adds no value.
4. B) The meal is prepared by the chef. — Subject 'meal' (singular) + 'is' + past participle 'prepared'. Word order: subject + be + participle + by-phrase.
5. Identify: Baker (agent), makes (verb), bread (object) Passive form: Subject + is/are + past participle Fresh bread is made by the baker daily. Note: Move object to subject position; 'makes' → 'is made'
6. Agent: Scientists, Verb: conduct (regular), Object: experiments Subject becomes: Experiments Verb: 'conduct' → past participle 'conducted' Passive: Many experiments are conducted by scientists. Note: 'are' for plural subject 'experiments'
7. Object (report) becomes subject Verb: 'writes' (3rd person) → 'is written' (auxiliary 'is' + past participle) Passive: The report is written. Note: Omit 'by John' if the agent is unknown or unimportant
8. A sentence structure that focuses on the receiver of the action — subject + is/are + past participle.
9. Use 'is' or 'are' + past participle. Singular: 'is'; plural: 'are'. Example: 'The cake is eaten.'
10. 'Is read' is passive (focus: receiver). 'Reads' is active with 'book' as subject (unusual; books don't read).

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