

How to use this worksheet. Thirty questions, about 25 minutes, with the answer key at the end. Only the *be* changes with the tense; the participle never does. A sentence can be made passive only if it has an **object**.

Formula sheet

Every passive is a form of be + past participle — only the be changes with the tense

Present: is/are done | is being done | has been done

Past: was/were done | was being done | had been done

Future: will be done | Modal: should be done | Imperative: Let it be done

Section A · Level 1 — Recognising and forming the passive

Ten questions. Look for a form of be plus a past participle.

1. In the active voice, the subject of the sentence:

(1) Receives the action (2) Performs the action (3) Is always omitted (4) Is always plural

2. Which of these sentences is in the passive voice?

(1) The cat chased the mouse. (2) The mouse was chased by the cat. (3) The cat is chasing the mouse. (4) The cat chases mice.

3. The passive voice is formed using:

(1) have + past participle (2) be + past participle (3) do + base verb (4) will + base verb

4. In a passive sentence, the doer of the action is introduced by:

(1) to (2) for (3) by (4) with

5. Change to the passive.

The teacher praised the student.

(1) The student praised the teacher. (2) The student was praised by the teacher. (3) The student is praised by the teacher. (4) The student has praised the teacher.

6. Change to the passive.

She writes a letter.

(1) A letter is written by her. (2) A letter was written by her. (3) A letter has written by her. (4) A letter writes by her.

7. Change to the passive.

They are building a bridge.

(1) A bridge is built by them. (2) A bridge is being built by them. (3) A bridge was being built by them. (4) A bridge has been built by them.

8. Change to the passive.

He has completed the work.

(1) The work is completed by him. (2) The work was completed by him. (3) The work has been completed by him. (4) The work had been completed by him.

9. Change to the active.

The letter was posted by Ravi.

(1) Ravi posts the letter. (2) Ravi posted the letter. (3) Ravi has posted the letter. (4) Ravi is posting the letter.

10. Which sentence cannot be changed into the passive voice?

(1) She sang a song. (2) He wrote a novel. (3) The baby sleeps peacefully. (4) They built a house.

Working space — Questions 1 to 10

Write the formula before you substitute.

Section B · Level 2 — The passive across every tense

Ten questions. Change the tense of be and leave the participle alone.

11. Change to the passive.

The gardener waters the plants daily.

(1) The plants are watered by the gardener daily. (2) The plants were watered by the gardener daily. (3) The plants is watered by the gardener daily. (4) The plants have watered by the gardener daily.

12. Change to the passive.

Someone stole my bicycle.

(1) My bicycle is stolen. (2) My bicycle was stolen. (3) My bicycle has stolen. (4) My bicycle stole.

13. Change to the passive.

They will announce the results tomorrow.

(1) The results will announced tomorrow. (2) The results will be announced tomorrow. (3) The results are announced tomorrow. (4) The results have been announced tomorrow.

14. Change to the passive.

He had finished the report.

(1) The report was finished by him. (2) The report has been finished by him. (3) The report had been finished by him. (4) The report is finished by him.

15. Change to the passive.

Open the door.

(1) The door opens. (2) The door is opened. (3) Let the door be opened. (4) The door was opened.

16. Change to the passive.

Who wrote this letter?

(1) Who was this letter written? (2) By whom was this letter written? (3) Whom wrote this letter? (4) This letter was written who?

17. Change to the passive.

She was singing a song.

(1) A song was sung by her. (2) A song was being sung by her. (3) A song is being sung by her. (4) A song had been sung by her.

18. Change to the passive.

People say he is honest.

(1) He is said to be honest. (2) He said to be honest. (3) He was said to be honest. (4) He is saying to be honest.

19. Change to the active.

The house is being painted by the workers.

(1) The workers paint the house. (2) The workers painted the house. (3) The workers are painting the house. (4) The workers have painted the house.

20. In which situation is the passive voice most appropriate?

(1) When the doer is more important than the action (2) When the doer is unknown or unimportant (3) When the sentence has no verb (4) When writing informally

Working space — Questions 11 to 20*Write the formula before you substitute.***Section C · Level 3 — Error spotting, imperatives and double objects***Ten questions. Watch for the -ing form where a participle belongs.***21. Spot the error.**

The work was completing by the team yesterday.

- (1) The work (2) was completing (3) by the team (4) yesterday

22. Spot the error.

A new bridge is build across the river.

- (1) A new bridge (2) is build (3) across (4) the river

23. Choose the correct passive form.

They have sold the car.

- (1) The car has sold. (2) The car has been sold. (3) The car is sold. (4) The car had been sold.

24. Choose the correct passive form.

The chef is preparing the meal.

- (1) The meal is prepared by the chef. (2) The meal is being prepared by the chef. (3) The meal was being prepared by the chef. (4) The meal has been prepared by the chef.

25. Choose the correct active form.

The window was broken by the boy.

- (1) The boy breaks the window. (2) The boy broke the window. (3) The boy has broken the window. (4) The boy is breaking the window.

26. Which tense has no passive form in normal use?

- (1) Present perfect (2) Past continuous (3) Future continuous (4) Past perfect

27. Change to the passive.

The committee has approved the proposal.

- (1) The proposal is approved by the committee. (2) The proposal was approved by the committee. (3) The proposal has been approved by the committee. (4) The proposal had approved by the committee.

28. Change to the passive.

Do not touch the wires.

- (1) The wires are not touched. (2) Let the wires not be touched. (3) The wires do not touch. (4) The wires were not touched.

29. Change to the passive.

She gave me a gift.

- (1) A gift was given to me by her. (2) I was given a gift by her. (3) Both 1 and 2 are correct. (4) Neither is correct.

30. Change to the passive.

One should keep promises.

- (1) Promises should keep. (2) Promises should be kept. (3) Promises are kept. (4) Promises have been kept.

Working space — Questions 21 to 30*Write the formula before you substitute.***Answer key**

Check only after you have attempted every question. Full worked solutions for each one are on the worksheet page at aviatelearnings.com.

1. (2)	7. (2)	13. (2)	19. (3)	25. (2)
2. (2)	8. (3)	14. (3)	20. (2)	26. (3)
3. (2)	9. (2)	15. (3)	21. (2)	27. (3)
4. (3)	10. (3)	16. (2)	22. (2)	28. (2)
5. (2)	11. (1)	17. (2)	23. (2)	29. (3)
6. (1)	12. (2)	18. (1)	24. (2)	30. (2)

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