

**Passive voice level 1 activities: Present, past and questions in the passive voice:**

**B Grammar**

**4 Complete the text. Use the present passive form of the verbs.**

Most new houses (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (design) by an architect, and they (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) of brick. The walls (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (build) by construction workers, and the roof (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (add) later. The houses (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (not sell) immediately, because the electricity (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (connect) first. Then the rooms (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (paint). Finally, the houses (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) by an agency. Sometimes they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in by the owners, but they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ often \_\_\_\_\_ (rent) to other people.

1/2 MARK FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER. TOTAL \_\_\_ / 5

**5 Write sentences. Use the past passive.**

1 Elevators / invent / by Elisha Otis.  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 The Empire State building / open / in 1931.  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 Steel / not use / for building / until 1885.  
\_\_\_\_\_

4 Skyscrapers / not build / until the 1880s.  
\_\_\_\_\_

5 France and Britain / connect / by a tunnel in 1994.  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 Gaudí / bury / in the Sagrada Família.  
\_\_\_\_\_

7 Concrete / use / for the first time / by the Romans 2,000 years ago.  
\_\_\_\_\_

8 London Bridge / buy / by an American businessman / in 1962.  
\_\_\_\_\_

9 Four numbers / write / on every stone.  
\_\_\_\_\_

10 The bridge / take / to the US / by ship.  
\_\_\_\_\_

11 Then the bridge / rebuild / in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.  
\_\_\_\_\_

12 On October 10, 1971 / the bridge / open.  
\_\_\_\_\_

1/2 MARK FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER. TOTAL \_\_\_ / 6

**6 Change the active sentences to passive sentences.**

1 They grow GM crops in England.  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 They didn't build skyscrapers in 1750.  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 They make the best paella in Valencia.  
\_\_\_\_\_

4 They don't connect these computers to the Internet.  
\_\_\_\_\_

5 Gustave Eiffel designed the Eiffel Tower.  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 They pay me £10 per hour.  
\_\_\_\_\_

7 Italy won the World Cup in 2006.  
\_\_\_\_\_

8 The Cohen brothers didn't direct the film.

9 They gave the actors excellent reviews.

10 Walt Disney created Mickey Mouse.

11 They produce cheese in this factory.

12 The Romans didn't build the Alhambra.

13 They grew these oranges in Valencia.

14 They don't sell cigarettes to children.

15 John Logie Baird invented television.

16 People recycle 10% of the world's glass.

1 MARK FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER. TOTAL \_\_\_\_ / 16

**7 Complete the passive questions and the short answers. Use the verbs in the box.**

eat   make   destroy   grow   paint

1 \_\_\_\_\_ rice \_\_\_\_\_ in India?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_. It's popular there.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ these houses \_\_\_\_\_ of concrete?

No, \_\_\_\_\_. They're made of brick.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of villages \_\_\_\_\_ by the tsunami in 2004?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_. It was a terrible disaster.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ 'El Dos de Mayo' \_\_\_\_\_ by Velázquez?

No, \_\_\_\_\_. Goya painted it.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ 'cocido' \_\_\_\_\_ in Britain?

No, \_\_\_\_\_. It's a Spanish dish.

1 MARKS FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER. TOTAL \_\_\_\_ / 5

**8 Look at the notes. Write questions and answers using the passive.**

1884 – France present Statue of Liberty to the US

1972 – open Museum of Immigration at base of statue

1986 – complete two years of repair work

1986 – replace torch

1986 – install elevator

1 When / Statue of Liberty / present / to the US?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 When / Museum of Immigration / open?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 What / replace / 1986?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 When / elevator / install?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 MARKS FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER. TOTAL \_\_\_ / 8

### C Grammar consolidation

#### 9 Complete the text.

The Eiffel Tower is the tallest structure in Paris. It (1) \_\_\_\_\_ designed (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the French engineer Gustave Eiffel. Construction workers started building the tower in 1887, but it (3) \_\_\_\_\_ finished until March 1889. At first, the tower (4) \_\_\_\_\_ have any lifts – it only had steps. The lifts (5) \_\_\_\_\_ opened in May 1889. Today, the lifts go right to the top. The Eiffel Tower is made (6) \_\_\_\_\_ iron, and it's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ brown. It (8) \_\_\_\_\_ repainted every seven years by a team of acrobatic painters. Now, the tower (9) \_\_\_\_\_ visited by six million tourists every year. It's also (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as a television transmitter.

Answer key:

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- 1 are designed
- 2 are made
- 3 are built
- 4 is added
- 5 aren't sold
- 6 is connected
- 7 are painted
- 8 are sold
- 9 are lived
- 10 are often rented

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- 1 Elevators were invented by Elisha Otis.
- 2 The Empire State building was opened in 1931.
- 3 Steel wasn't used for building until 1885.
- 4 Skyscrapers weren't built until the 1880s.
- 5 France and Britain were connected by a tunnel in 1994.
- 6 Gaudí was buried in the Sagrada Família.
- 7 Concrete was used for the first time by the Romans 2,000 years ago.
- 8 London Bridge was bought by an American businessman in 1962.
- 9 Four numbers were written on every stone.
- 10 The bridge was taken to America by ship.
- 11 Then the bridge was rebuilt in lake Havasu City, Arizona.
- 12 On October 10, 1971 the bridge was opened.

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- 1 GM crops are grown in England.
- 2 Skyscrapers weren't built in 1750.
- 3 The best paella is made in Valencia.
- 4 These computers aren't connected to the Internet.
- 5 The Eiffel Tower was designed by Gustave Eiffel.
- 6 I'm paid £10 per hour.
- 7 The World Cup was won by Italy in 2006.
- 8 The film wasn't directed by the Cohen brothers.
- 9 The actors were given excellent reviews.
- 10 Mickey Mouse was created by Walt Disney.
- 11 Cheese is produced in this factory.
- 12 The Alhambra wasn't built by the Romans.
- 13 These oranges were grown in Valencia.
- 14 Cigarettes aren't sold to children.
- 15 Television was invented by John Logie Baird.
- 16 10% of the world's glass is recycled.

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- 1 Is rice grown in India? Yes, it is.

- 2 Are these houses made of concrete? No, they aren't.
- 3 Were a lot of villages destroyed by the tsunami in 2004? Yes, they were.
- 4 Was *El dos de mayo* painted by Velazquez? No, it wasn't.
- 5 Is 'cocido' eaten in Britain? No, it isn't.

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- 1 When was the Statue of Liberty presented to the USA? It was presented in 1884.
- 2 When was the Museum of Immigration opened? It was opened in 1972.
- 3 What was replaced in 1986? The torch was replaced in 1986.
- 4 When was an elevator installed? An elevator was installed in 1986.

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- 1 was
- 2 by
- 3 wasn't
- 4 didn't
- 5 were
- 6 of
- 7 painted
- 8 is
- 9 is
- 10 used

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