

Past Passive

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Helps learners correctly form and recognize the past passive voice, avoiding tense and agreement errors. — five short drills to lock in **Past Passive**.

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1 · Rules

- Use the past passive to describe an action that was done to the subject in the past.
- Form it with the past form of “to be” (was/were) + past participle.
- The past participle does not change for regular verbs (e.g., “watched”), but irregular verbs have special forms (e.g., “written”).
- Optionally add the doer of the action after the verb using “by”.

2 · Signal words

was

were

by

yesterday

last week

in 1990

ago

previously

Tip: These words often flag **Past Passive** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 · Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Past Passive** in each gap.

- The cake _____ by my mother yesterday.
- A new bridge _____ last month.
- The tickets _____ before the concert started.
- The report _____ on time.
- The old library _____ in 2019.
- The movie _____ by a famous filmmaker.

4 · Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Past Passive. Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 ~~The car is repaired by the mechanic.~~
- 2 ~~The letters were mail yesterday.~~
- 3 ~~The song was sang by the choir.~~
- 4 ~~The garden were watered this morning.~~
- 5 ~~The novel was wrote in 1990.~~
- 6 ~~The dishes was washed after dinner.~~

5 • Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A-D).

- 1 Which sentence correctly uses the past passive?
☐ (A) The window was broken by the storm. ☐ (B) The window broke by the storm.
☐ (C) The window is broken by the storm. ☐ (D) The window had been broken by the storm.
- 2 Select the past passive form of the verb "to build".
☐ (A) was built ☐ (B) built ☐ (C) is building ☐ (D) has built
- 3 Identify the correctly formed past passive sentence.
☐ (A) The cake was eaten by the children. ☐ (B) The cake ate by the children.
☐ (C) The cake was eating by the children. ☐ (D) The cake has been ate by the children.
- 4 Choose the past passive sentence.
☐ (A) The letter was sent yesterday. ☐ (B) The letter sent yesterday. ☐ (C) The letter is sent yesterday.
☐ (D) The letter had sent yesterday.
- 5 Which of these is a correct past passive construction?
☐ (A) The movie was watched by many people. ☐ (B) The movie watched by many people.
☐ (C) The movie is watched by many people. ☐ (D) The movie has watched by many people.
- 6 Find the correct past passive sentence.
☐ (A) The bridge was destroyed in the flood. ☐ (B) The bridge destroyed in the flood.
☐ (C) The bridge is destroyed in the flood. ☐ (D) The bridge had destroyed in the flood.