Passive Voice — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. Paper _____ from wood, so we should recycle it.
   a) is make b) makes c) is made d) made

2. Two of the church windows _____ by a storm last winter.
   a) were broke b) was broken c) broke d) were broken

3. These phones _____ in a factory near the coast.
   a) is produced b) are produced c) are produce d) produce

4. The letter _____ in pencil, so it was hard to read.
   a) was wrote b) wrote c) was writing d) was written

5. I'm afraid your parcel _____ to the wrong address.
   a) has sent b) has been send c) has been sent d) have been sent

6. The road _____ at the moment, so we have to take another route.
   a) is repairing b) is being repaired c) is been repaired d) being repaired

7. Don't worry — the broken window _____ tomorrow morning.
   a) will replaced b) will be replace c) will replace d) will be replaced

8. All bills must _____ within thirty days.
   a) paid b) be pay c) be paid d) been paid

9. My grandmother _____ in a small village in 1948.
   a) is born b) was born c) born d) was borned

10. Why _____ the meeting _____? Nobody told me.
    a) did … cancel b) was … cancel c) were … cancelled d) was … cancelled

11. These days the museum _____ by thousands of tourists every summer.
    a) is visited b) was visited c) is visiting d) visits

12. The bridge _____ in 1890 and is still in use today.
    a) has been built b) is built c) was built d) built

13. Hundreds of trees _____ in the park since 2020.
    a) were planted b) have been planted c) are planted d) has been planted

14. Sorry, you can't use the kitchen — it _____ by my brother at the moment.
    a) is being painted b) is painted c) has painted d) is painting

15. The winners of the competition _____ next week.

a) were announced b) have been announced c) will be announced d) will be announce

16. My neighbour _____ by a dog in the park yesterday.

a) was bitten b) has been bitten c) was bited d) bit

17. These old photos _____ by my grandfather in the 1960s.

a) took b) have been taken c) are taken d) were taken

18. Her first novel _____ into twenty languages since its publication in 2019.

a) has been translated b) was translated c) is translated d) have been translated

19. This medicine _____ to children under twelve.

a) shouldn't give b) shouldn't be gave c) shouldn't be given d) shouldn't given

20. Who painted this picture? — It was painted _____ my aunt.

a) from b) by c) of d) at

21. Someone _____ my bike last night. It _____ from outside my house.

a) was stolen … stole b) stole … stole c) stole … was stole d) stole … was stolen

22. The police _____ the thief, and he _____ to prison for two years.

a) caught … was sent b) were caught … sent c) caught … sent d) were caught … was sent

23. Millions of people _____ English, and it _____ in schools all over the world.

a) are spoken … teaches b) speak … is taught c) speak … teaches d) are spoken … is taught

24. The storm _____ all night, and several roofs _____.

a) was lasted … damaged b) lasted … damaged c) lasted … were damaged d) was lasted … were damaged

25. The accident _____ at about nine o'clock on a quiet road.

a) happened b) was happened c) has happened d) is happened

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) The new rules was explained at the meeting.
b) The new rules were explained at the meeting.
c) The new rules were explain at the meeting.
d) The new rules explained at the meeting.

27. Which question is correct?

a) When was written this song?
b) When did this song written?
c) When this song was written?
d) When was this song written?

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) This form must be signed by both parents.
b) This form must signed by both parents.
c) This form must be sign by both parents.
d) This form must to be signed by both parents.

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) All the sandwiches have been ate.
b) All the sandwiches have eaten.
c) All the sandwiches have been eaten.
d) All the sandwiches has been eaten.

30. Which question is correct?

a) Did your house built in the 1930s?
b) Was your house built in the 1930s?
c) Was your house build in the 1930s?
d) Is your house built in the 1930s?

Answer Key

Passive Voice · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/passive-voice/

1. c) is made

Paper is what the action is done to, so the passive: is + the participle made.

2. d) were broken

Two of the windows is plural and by a storm names the doer, so the passive were + the participle broken.

3. b) are produced

These phones is plural, so the passive takes are: are produced.

4. d) was written

The letter didn't write anything — someone wrote it, so the passive was written.

5. c) has been sent

Present perfect passive: has been + participle.

6. b) is being repaired

At the moment calls for the present continuous passive: is being + participle.

7. d) will be replaced

Future passive: will be + participle.

8. c) be paid

After a modal verb the passive is be + participle: must be paid.

9. b) was born

We talk about birth with be born, and in 1948 is past: was born.

10. d) was … cancelled

A passive question puts was / were before the subject: Why was the meeting cancelled?

11. a) is visited

These days and every summer describe what regularly happens now, so the present simple passive is visited.

12. c) was built

In 1890 is a finished time, so the past simple passive was built.

13. b) have been planted

Since 2020 runs from then until now, so the present perfect passive have been planted.

14. a) is being painted

At the moment and by my brother show work in progress now, so the present continuous passive is being painted.

15. c) will be announced

Next week is in the future, so will be + participle: will be announced.

16. a) was bitten

Yesterday is a finished time, so the past simple passive was bitten (bite – bit – bitten).

17. d) were taken

By my grandfather names the doer, and in the 1960s is a finished time: were taken.

18. a) has been translated

Since its publication runs from then until now, so the present perfect passive has been translated.

19. c) shouldn't be given

Negative after a modal: shouldn't be + participle.

20. b) by

Who painted…?

21. d) stole … was stolen

Someone did the stealing, so the first verb is active: stole my bike.

22. a) caught … was sent

The police did the catching, so the active caught with the object the thief.

23. b) speak … is taught

People do the speaking, so the active speak + the object English.

24. c) lasted … were damaged

Here last has no object, so it can't be passive: lasted, not was lasted.

25. a) happened

Happen takes no object, so it has no passive: happened.

26. b) The new rules were explained at the meeting.

The new rules is plural, so the passive takes were + participle: were explained.

27. d) When was this song written?

A passive question puts was before the subject and the participle after it: When was this song written?

28. a) This form must be signed by both parents.

After a modal the passive is be + participle: must be signed.

29. c) All the sandwiches have been eaten.

Present perfect passive: have been + participle.

30. b) Was your house built in the 1930s?

In the 1930s is past, so Was goes before the subject and the participle after it: Was your house built…?