

Active and Passive Voice

Level: Intermediate

Test: 5

Explanations

1. In the passive voice, “will be completed” matches the future meaning of “will complete.” It shows that the project will be finished by next week, but we do not say who finishes it.
2. The passive voice puts the focus on the action or the object, not the person doing it. In sentence b, “New employees” receive the action, and “by the company” shows who did it.
3. The correct answer uses “can be” with the past participle “solved,” which is the right passive form. The object “this problem” becomes the subject, and the sentence keeps the meaning.
4. The correct answer uses the present simple passive, which matches the original sentence’s tense. “Are published” shows what happens to the books every year, without saying who does the action.
5. We use “will be decorated” because the action will happen in the future. “Be decorated” is passive, showing that someone will decorate the room, but we don’t say who does it.
6. The correct sentence uses passive voice, with “the painting” as the subject, followed by “was created,” then the agent “by the artist.” The word order is clear, natural, and easy to understand.
7. We use the passive voice with “is” plus the past participle. The correct past participle of “construct” is “constructed,” not “constructing,” so “constructing” is the error.
8. The correct answer uses the past continuous passive, “were being reviewed,” which shows the contracts received action in the past, over a period of time, not just one moment. This fits the sentence context.
9. We use “was sent” because the action happened in the past, before the meeting started. This is the passive voice, showing what happened to the email, not who sent it.

- 10.** We use "are being prepared" because the action is happening right now. The words "at the moment" tell us it is present continuous passive—the documents are in the process of being prepared now.
- 11.** The original sentence is in the past simple passive voice. To make it active, use the past simple form: "Tom" is the subject, "returned" matches the past, and the object is "the book."
- 12.** The passive voice uses the same tense as the active sentence. "Had completed" is past perfect, so we use "had been completed" in passive. "By them" is not needed here.
- 13.** The active voice shows who does the action. In this sentence, "she" does the action of preparing. The subject comes first and does the verb, making it active voice.
- 14.** In the passive voice, we use the past participle form of the verb. Here, "complete" should be "completed" because "was completed" is the correct passive verb form.
- 15.** Option a is in the active voice because the subject (the teacher) is doing the action. In passive voice, the subject receives the action, not does it.
- 16.** We use "was" and the past participle "repaired" because the car received the action in the past. "Was the car repaired?" is the correct passive question for a past simple event.
- 17.** Option a is incorrect because "was signing" is not passive voice. In passive sentences, we use "was signed by" for the past. The subject receives the action, not does it.
- 18.** The past continuous passive uses "was being" plus the past participle. This shows an action was happening to the object in the past. "Was being repaired" is the correct structure here.
- 19.** The active voice shows who does the action first. In this sentence, "Tom" is the person doing the action, and "reads" is the action, so it is active voice.
- 20.** The correct answer uses "will be announced," which is the passive form of "will announce." This shows that "the results" receive the action and the event will happen in the future.