

The passive: Simple present

Affirmative and negative

- 1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Then write whether each sentence is active (A) or passive (P).

are grown cook is kept is used
send win

Oranges are grown in Florida. **P**

- The Boston Red Sox usually _____ their games. ____
- All the money _____ in the safe. ____
- The hall _____ for meetings and talks. ____
- They _____ the pizzas in very hot ovens. ____
- I _____ about 20 e-mails a day. ____

- 2 Choose the correct answers.

Concerts perform / are performed here in the summer.

- A lot of people use / are used the library every day.
- My mom bakes / is baked fantastic cakes!
- They produce / are produced cars in that factory.
- Italian don't teach / isn't taught in this school.
- Everyone invites / is invited to the party.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the simple present passive form of the verbs.

Plastic is used to make a lot of everyday things. (use)

- Cell phones _____ by most people nowadays. (carry)
- Oranges _____ in Canada. (not grow)
- Baseball _____ in many countries. (not play)
- The show _____ by millions of people. (watch)
- Computer games _____ all over the world. (play)

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Interrogative and short answers

- 4 Reorder the questions. Then write the short answers.

actors / paid / a lot / of / money / are ✓

Are actors paid a lot of money?

Yes, they are.

- bananas / in / Canada / are / grown ✗
_____?
- spoken / in / Spanish / is / Australia ✗
_____?
- the / information / is / on / stored / your / computer ✓
_____?

The passive: Simple past

Affirmative and negative

- 5 Write sentences using the simple past passive form of the verbs.

the game / win / by the Boston Red Sox

The game was won by the Boston Red Sox.

- these pictures / paint / by Picasso

- Treasure Island* / write / by Robert Louis Stevenson

- the award / not give / to Robert Pattinson

- the doors / not lock / last night

The passive: Simple past

Interrogative and short answers

- 6 Read the answers, then write the questions using the simple past passive.

The house was built in 1990.

When was the house built?

- The church was designed by Christopher Wren.
Who _____?
- The first pocket calculators were sold in the 1970s.
When _____?
- DVDs were first produced in Japan.
Where _____?