



## Active to Passive Conversion: Converting Questions, Negatives & Commands

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Active: "Do they deliver packages on Sundays?" Choose the correct passive:  
a) Do packages delivered on Sundays?                      b) Is packages delivered on Sundays?  
c) Are packages delivered on Sundays?                      d) Are packages being delivered on Sundays?
- Active: "The company does not employ children." Choose the correct passive:  
a) Children do not employed by the company.  
b) Children are not employed by the company.  
c) Children is not employed by the company.  
d) Children are not employing by the company.
- Active: "Did the Romans build this road?" Choose the correct passive:  
a) Did this road built by the Romans?                      b) Was this road built by the Romans?  
c) Is this road built by the Romans?                      d) Were this road built by the Romans?
- Active: "She didn't lock the door last night." Choose the correct passive:  
a) The door wasn't locked by her last night.  
b) The door didn't locked by her last night.  
c) The door isn't locked by her last night.  
d) The door wasn't locking by her last night.
- Active: "Open the window." Choose the correct passive:  
a) The window is opened.                      b) The window should opened.  
c) Be the window opened.                      d) Let the window be opened.
- Active: "Has anyone informed the manager?" Choose the correct passive:  
a) Is the manager informed?                      b) Has the manager informed?  
c) Has the manager been informed?                      d) Was the manager been informed?
- Active: "They haven't cleaned the classroom yet." Choose the correct passive:  
a) The classroom hasn't cleaned yet.                      b) The classroom wasn't been cleaned yet.  
c) The classroom isn't been cleaned yet.                      d) The classroom hasn't been cleaned yet.
- Active: "Will they announce the results tomorrow?" Choose the correct passive:  
a) Will the results be announced tomorrow?  
b) Will the results announced tomorrow?  
c) Are the results will be announced tomorrow?  
d) Will the results being announced tomorrow?
- Active: "The government will not increase taxes this year." Choose the correct passive:  
a) Taxes will not increased by the government this year.  
b) Taxes will not be increased by the government this year.  
c) Taxes will not be increasing by the government this year.  
d) Taxes are not increased by the government this year.





## Answers

1. c) Are packages delivered on Sundays?
2. b) Children are not employed by the company.
3. b) Was this road built by the Romans?
4. a) The door wasn't locked by her last night.
5. d) Let the window be opened.
6. c) Has the manager been informed?
7. d) The classroom hasn't been cleaned yet.
8. a) Will the results be announced tomorrow?
9. b) Taxes will not be increased by the government this year.
10. b) Let the paintings not be touched.
11. a) Where was the lost dog found?
12. d) This problem can't be solved easily.
13. c) Who was this poem written by?
14. d) Pets are not allowed by the hotel.
15. a) Are the plants being watered by the gardener?
16. c) How many languages are spoken by her?
17. a) So much water shouldn't be wasted.
18. b) When will the results be published?
19. d) Our essays hadn't been marked by Friday.
20. c) Let the report be sent immediately.



## Explanations

### 1. “Are packages delivered on Sundays?” (c)

Present simple passive question: Are + subject + past participle? The 'do/does' auxiliary disappears and 'are' takes over. 'Packages' is plural → 'Are'.

### 2. “Children are not employed by the company.” (b)

Present simple passive negative: subject + am/is/are + not + past participle. 'Does not employ' → 'are not employed'. 'Children' is plural → 'are'.

### 3. “Was this road built by the Romans?” (b)

Past simple passive question: Was/Were + subject + past participle? 'Did ... build' → 'Was ... built'. 'This road' is singular → 'Was'.

### 4. “The door wasn't locked by her last night.” (a)

Past simple passive negative: subject + wasn't/weren't + past participle. 'Didn't lock' → 'wasn't locked'. 'The door' is singular → 'wasn't'.

### 5. “Let the window be opened.” (d)

Imperative passive: 'Let + object + be + past participle'. An active command like 'Open the window' becomes 'Let the window be opened' in the passive.

### 6. “Has the manager been informed?” (c)

Present perfect passive question: Has/Have + subject + been + past participle? 'Has anyone informed' → 'Has ... been informed'. Agent 'anyone' is omitted.

### 7. “The classroom hasn't been cleaned yet.” (d)

Present perfect passive negative: subject + hasn't/haven't + been + past participle. 'Haven't cleaned' → 'hasn't been cleaned'. 'The classroom' is singular → 'hasn't'.

### 8. “Will the results be announced tomorrow?” (a)

Future simple passive question: Will + subject + be + past participle? 'Will they announce' → 'Will the results be announced'. Agent 'they' is omitted.

### 9. “Taxes will not be increased by the government this year.” (b)

Future simple passive negative: subject + will not + be + past participle. 'Will not increase' → 'will not be increased'.

### 10. “Let the paintings not be touched.” (b)

Negative imperative passive: 'Let + object + not + be + past participle'. 'Don't touch the paintings' → 'Let the paintings not be touched.'

### 11. “Where was the lost dog found?” (a)

Wh- question in past simple passive: Wh-word + was/were + subject + past participle? 'Where did they find' → 'Where was ... found'. 'The lost dog' is singular → 'was'.

### 12. “This problem can't be solved easily.” (d)

Modal passive negative: subject + modal + not + be + past participle. 'Nobody can solve' → 'can't be solved'. The negative 'nobody' converts to 'can't' in the passive.

### 13. “Who was this poem written by?” (c)

When 'who' is the agent (doer), the passive question becomes: 'Who + was/were + subject + past participle + by?' The preposition 'by' goes at the end in everyday English.

**14. “Pets are not allowed by the hotel.” (d)**

Present simple passive negative: 'does not allow' → 'are not allowed'. 'Pets' is plural → 'are'. The tense stays present simple.

**15. “Are the plants being watered by the gardener?” (a)**

Present continuous passive question: Is/Are + subject + being + past participle? 'Is the gardener watering' → 'Are the plants being watered'. 'The plants' is plural → 'Are'.

**16. “How many languages are spoken by her?” (c)**

Wh- question in present simple passive: Wh-phrase + is/are + past participle + by agent? 'How many languages' is plural → 'are spoken'.

**17. “So much water shouldn't be wasted.” (a)**

Modal passive negative: subject + shouldn't + be + past participle. 'Shouldn't waste' → 'shouldn't be wasted'. Agent 'they' is omitted.

**18. “When will the results be published?” (b)**

Wh- question in future simple passive: Wh-word + will + subject + be + past participle? Word order: 'will' comes before the subject in questions.

**19. “Our essays hadn't been marked by Friday.” (d)**

Past perfect passive negative: subject + hadn't + been + past participle. 'Hadn't marked' → 'hadn't been marked'. Agent 'the teacher' is omitted for conciseness.

**20. “Let the report be sent immediately.” (c)**

Imperative passive: 'Let + object + be + past participle'. 'Send the report' → 'Let the report be sent'. This is the standard way to express a passive command.