



# Passive Voice Basics:

## Present Simple Passive

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- English \_\_\_\_ in many countries around the world.  
a) is spoken  
b) speaks  
c) is speaking  
d) spoken
- The letters \_\_\_\_ every morning by the postman.  
a) is delivered  
b) deliver  
c) are delivered  
d) are delivering
- This room \_\_\_\_ every day.  
a) cleans  
b) cleaned  
c) are cleaned  
d) is cleaned
- Thousands of cars \_\_\_\_ in this factory every year.  
a) produce  
b) is produced  
c) produces  
d) are produced
- The museum \_\_\_\_ at 9 a.m. every day by the security guard.  
a) is opening  
b) opens  
c) are opened  
d) is opened
- Coffee \_\_\_\_ in Brazil and Colombia.  
a) grows  
b) is grown  
c) are grown  
d) is growing
- These computers \_\_\_\_ in China.  
a) are making  
b) is made  
c) make  
d) are made
- The news \_\_\_\_ on TV at 6 o'clock.  
a) broadcasts  
b) are broadcast  
c) is broadcast  
d) is broadcasting
- Homework \_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_ on weekends at our school.  
a) does ... give  
b) is ... giving  
c) are ... given  
d) is ... given
- The windows \_\_\_\_ once a week.  
a) wash  
b) is washed  
c) washes  
d) are washed
- Rice \_\_\_\_ in many Asian countries.  
a) eats  
b) is eaten  
c) are eaten  
d) is eating

12. \_\_\_ the office \_\_\_ every evening?  
 a) Does ... lock  
 b) Are ... locked  
 c) Is ... locked  
 d) Is ... locking
13. The grass in the park \_\_\_ twice a month.  
 a) cuts  
 b) are cut  
 c) is cut  
 d) is cutting
14. These shoes \_\_\_ not \_\_\_ in Italy. They come from Spain.  
 a) is ... made  
 b) are ... made  
 c) do ... make  
 d) are ... making
15. \_\_\_ these books \_\_\_ into other languages?  
 a) Are ... translated  
 b) Is ... translated  
 c) Do ... translate  
 d) Are ... translating
16. Fresh bread \_\_\_ here every morning.  
 a) bakes  
 b) are baked  
 c) is baked  
 d) is baking
17. Mobile phones \_\_\_ not \_\_\_ in the library.  
 a) is ... allowed  
 b) do ... allow  
 c) are ... allowed  
 d) are ... allowing
18. The rubbish \_\_\_ every Tuesday morning.  
 a) collects  
 b) is collecting  
 c) are collected  
 d) is collected
19. \_\_\_ the exams \_\_\_ at the end of each term?  
 a) Is ... held  
 b) Are ... held  
 c) Do ... hold  
 d) Are ... holding
20. Dinner \_\_\_ at 7 p.m. in this hotel.  
 a) serves  
 b) are served  
 c) is served  
 d) is serving



## Answers

1. a) is spoken
2. c) are delivered
3. d) is cleaned
4. d) are produced
5. d) is opened
6. b) is grown
7. d) are made
8. c) is broadcast
9. d) is ... given
10. d) are washed
11. b) is eaten
12. c) Is ... locked
13. c) is cut
14. b) are ... made
15. a) Are ... translated
16. c) is baked
17. c) are ... allowed
18. d) is collected
19. b) Are ... held
20. c) is served



# Explanations

## 1. “is spoken” (a)

Use the present simple passive (is + past participle) because English is the receiver of the action. 'English is spoken' = people speak English.

## 2. “are delivered” (c)

'The letters' is plural, so we use 'are + past participle'. The letters receive the action of delivering.

## 3. “is cleaned” (d)

'This room' is singular, so we use 'is + past participle'. The room receives the action of cleaning.

## 4. “are produced” (d)

'Thousands of cars' is plural, so we use 'are + past participle'. The cars are the result of the production.

## 5. “is opened” (d)

The 'by' agent tells us someone performs the action, so we need the passive: 'is opened'. Without 'by the security guard', the active 'opens' would also be correct.

## 6. “is grown” (b)

'Coffee' is singular and uncountable. Use 'is + past participle'. Coffee doesn't grow itself intentionally — people grow it.

## 7. “are made” (d)

'These computers' is plural, so we use 'are made'. The passive shows where the computers are manufactured.

## 8. “is broadcast” (c)

'The news' is singular (uncountable). Use 'is + past participle'. Note: 'broadcast' has the same form for present and past participle.

## 9. “is ... given” (d)

The negative passive is formed with 'is/are + not + past participle'. 'Homework' is singular, so use 'is not given'.

## 10. “are washed” (d)

'The windows' is plural, so we use 'are + past participle'. The windows receive the action of washing.

## 11. “is eaten” (b)

'Rice' is singular/uncountable. Use 'is eaten' to describe a general fact about where rice is consumed.

## 12. “Is ... locked” (c)

Passive questions use 'Is/Are + subject + past participle?' Since 'the office' is singular, use 'Is the office locked?'

## 13. “is cut” (c)

'The grass' is singular. Use 'is cut'. Note: 'cut' has the same form in all three verb forms (cut-cut-cut).

## 14. “are ... made” (b)

'These shoes' is plural. The negative passive is 'are not made'. We use passive because the shoes receive the action.

## 15. “Are ... translated” (a)

Passive question with plural subject 'these books': 'Are + subject + past participle?' → 'Are these books translated?'

**16. “is baked” (c)**

'Fresh bread' is singular/uncountable. Use 'is baked'. The passive tells us that the bread is made fresh at this location.

**17. “are ... allowed” (c)**

'Mobile phones' is plural. The negative passive is 'are not allowed'. This is a common rule or regulation pattern.

**18. “is collected” (d)**

'The rubbish' is singular/uncountable. Use 'is collected'. The rubbish receives the action — someone collects it every week.

**19. “Are ... held” (b)**

'The exams' is plural. Passive question: 'Are + subject + past participle?' Note: hold-held-held is irregular.

**20. “is served” (c)**

'Dinner' is singular. Use 'is served'. This is a typical routine/schedule described in passive voice.