



Passive Voice Basics: Mixed Passive Basics

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- Look at the sign: "Bags ____ at the entrance."
a) are checked
b) check
c) were checked
d) is checked
- News headline: "Two people ____ in the accident yesterday."
a) injured
b) are injured
c) is injured
d) were injured
- Which sentence is correct?
a) The results published on the website every Friday.
b) The results publishing on the website every Friday.
c) The results are publish on the website every Friday.
d) The results are published on the website every Friday.
- How is chocolate made? First, cocoa beans _____. Then they are roasted.
a) are harvested
b) is harvested
c) harvest
d) harvested
- The concert ____ because the singer was ill.
a) cancelled
b) was cancelled
c) is cancelled
d) were cancelled
- In our school, students ____ a free lunch every day.
a) give
b) was given
c) are given
d) is given
- "Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928." The passive form is:
a) Penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928.
b) Penicillin is discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928.
c) Penicillin discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928.
d) Penicillin were discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928.
- Warning sign: "Dogs ____ not ____ in this park."
a) were ... allowed
b) is ... allowed
c) are ... allowed
d) do ... allow
- The pyramids ____ thousands of years ago.
a) built
b) are built
c) was built
d) were built
- Every year, the winner ____ a gold medal ____ the committee.
a) was given ... with
b) gives ... by
c) is given ... by
d) are given ... by

11. Which sentence is in the active voice?
a) The chef prepares fresh meals every day.
b) Fresh meals are prepared every day.
c) The food is cooked in a large kitchen.
d) All ingredients are delivered in the morning.
12. The new policy ____ to all staff members yesterday afternoon.
a) announced
b) is announced
c) were announced
d) was announced
13. In the factory, each car ____ before it leaves.
a) is tested
b) tests
c) was tested
d) are tested
14. The children ____ a story before bedtime every night.
a) are told
b) was told
c) tell
d) is told
15. "The old bridge was knocked down ____ a storm." Choose the correct word.
a) with
b) by
c) from
d) in
16. News report: "A rare painting ____ from the museum last night."
a) stole
b) was stolen
c) is stolen
d) were stolen
17. Paper ____ from wood. First, trees ____, and then the wood ____ into pulp.
a) is made ... is cut ... are turned
b) makes ... cuts ... turns
c) was made ... were cut ... was turned
d) is made ... are cut ... is turned
18. All passengers ____ to fasten their seatbelts during takeoff.
a) are asked
b) is asked
c) ask
d) were asked
19. "Romeo and Juliet" ____ by William Shakespeare in the 1590s.
a) was written
b) wrote
c) is written
d) were written
20. At the hotel, guests ____ a welcome drink when they arrive.
a) offer
b) was offered
c) are offered
d) is offered



Answers

1. a) are checked
2. d) were injured
3. d) The results are published on the website every Friday.
4. a) are harvested
5. b) was cancelled
6. c) are given
7. a) Penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928.
8. c) are ... allowed
9. d) were built
10. c) is given ... by
11. a) The chef prepares fresh meals every day.
12. d) was announced
13. a) is tested
14. a) are told
15. b) by
16. b) was stolen
17. d) is made ... are cut ... is turned
18. a) are asked
19. a) was written
20. c) are offered



Explanations

1. “are checked” (a)

Signs describe general rules (present simple). 'Bags' is plural → 'are checked'. This is typical of public signs and regulations.

2. “were injured” (d)

'Yesterday' = past time. 'Two people' is plural → 'were injured'. News reports often use passive voice.

3. “The results are published on the website every Friday.” (d)

Present simple passive = are + past participle ('published'). The other options are missing 'are', using the wrong verb form, or using the present participle.

4. “are harvested” (a)

Process descriptions use present simple passive. 'Cocoa beans' is plural → 'are harvested'.

5. “was cancelled” (b)

Past event + singular subject 'the concert'. Use 'was cancelled'. The agent isn't mentioned because it's not important.

6. “are given” (c)

Two-object passive: 'students' (plural) + present routine = 'are given'. Students receive the lunch.

7. “Penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928.” (a)

Past tense + singular subject = 'was discovered'. We include 'by Alexander Fleming' because the agent is historically important.

8. “are ... allowed” (c)

Signs state rules (present simple passive). 'Dogs' is plural → 'are not allowed'. No agent needed — it's a general rule.

9. “were built” (d)

'The pyramids' is plural + past time ('thousands of years ago') → 'were built'.

10. “is given ... by” (c)

Present routine: 'Every year'. Two-object passive: the winner (singular) 'is given' a medal. Agent: 'by the committee'.

11. “The chef prepares fresh meals every day.” (a)

'The chef prepares' is active — the subject (chef) does the action. All others use is/are + past participle (passive).

12. “was announced” (d)

'The new policy' is singular + past time ('yesterday'). Use 'was announced'. The agent is omitted because it's obvious (management).

13. “is tested” (a)

Process description (present simple). 'Each car' is singular → 'is tested'. The car receives the action of testing.

14. “are told” (a)

Two-object passive: 'the children' (plural) + present routine ('every night') = 'are told'. They receive the story.

15. “by” (b)

Use 'by' for the agent/cause. A storm is the natural force that caused the destruction.

16. “was stolen” (b)

'A rare painting' is singular + past time ('last night'). News reports commonly use passive when the agent is unknown.

17. “is made ... are cut ... is turned” (d)

Process descriptions use present simple passive. 'Paper' (singular) is made; 'trees' (plural) are cut; 'the wood' (singular) is turned.

18. “are asked” (a)

'All passengers' is plural + general rule = present simple passive 'are asked'. This is a routine instruction.

19. “was written” (a)

Singular title + past time. Use 'was written'. We include 'by Shakespeare' because the author is important information.

20. “are offered” (c)

Two-object passive: 'guests' (plural) + present routine = 'are offered'. Guests receive the welcome drink.