



Passive in Different Tenses: Past Perfect & Future Passive

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- By the time we arrived, the decision ____ already ____.
a) has ... been made
b) had ... been made
c) was ... made
d) was ... being made
- The winners ____ tomorrow at the award ceremony.
a) will be announced
b) are announced
c) are being announced
d) have been announced
- The building ____ before the inspector came, so he found nothing wrong.
a) was repaired
b) has been repaired
c) was being repaired
d) had been repaired
- The new hospital ____ next year according to the government's plan.
a) is going to be opened
b) will have been opened
c) is opened
d) is being opened
- When the police arrived, the evidence ____.
a) was destroyed
b) has been destroyed
c) had been destroyed
d) was being destroyed
- Don't worry — you ____ as soon as we have any news.
a) are informed
b) will be informed
c) are being informed
d) have been informed
- The thieves escaped because the alarm ____ not ____.
a) has ... been activated
b) was ... activated
c) had ... been activated
d) was ... being activated
- The test results ____ by email next week.
a) will be sent
b) are sent
c) are going to send
d) are being sent
- All the food ____ by the time the last guests arrived at the party.
a) was eaten
b) has been eaten
c) had been eaten
d) was being eaten
- The old bridge ____ and a new one ____ in its place.
a) is demolished ... is built
b) will demolish ... will build
c) is going to be demolished ... is going to be built
d) has been demolished ... has been built

11. The email ____ before I had a chance to read it.
a) deleted
b) had been deleted
c) was deleted
d) has been deleted
12. Passengers ____ to fasten their seatbelts shortly. We are beginning our descent.
a) are asking
b) have been asked
c) were asked
d) will be asked
13. She discovered that her passport ____ from her bag.
a) stole
b) was stolen
c) has been stolen
d) had been stolen
14. The project ____ by the end of next month.
a) will be completed
b) will have been completed
c) is going to be completed
d) has been completed
15. The rooms ____ before the guests checked in.
a) were cleaned
b) have been cleaned
c) are cleaned
d) had been cleaned
16. All employees ____ about the changes by Friday.
a) will have been notified
b) will be notified
c) will notify
d) are notified
17. He didn't know that the meeting ____ to Monday.
a) was moved
b) had been moved
c) has been moved
d) is moved
18. The package ____ to your address tomorrow morning.
a) delivers
b) is delivered
c) has been delivered
d) will be delivered
19. The car ____ several times before he bought it.
a) was driven
b) has been driven
c) had been driven
d) drove
20. A new swimming pool ____ in our town. The council approved the plan last week.
a) is going to be built
b) will have been built
c) is built
d) has been built



Answers

1. b) had ... been made
2. a) will be announced
3. d) had been repaired
4. a) is going to be opened
5. c) had been destroyed
6. b) will be informed
7. c) had ... been activated
8. a) will be sent
9. c) had been eaten
10. c) is going to be demolished ... is going to be built
11. b) had been deleted
12. d) will be asked
13. d) had been stolen
14. b) will have been completed
15. d) had been cleaned
16. a) will have been notified
17. b) had been moved
18. d) will be delivered
19. c) had been driven
20. a) is going to be built



Explanations

- 1. “had ... been made” (b)**
Use the past perfect passive (had been + past participle) because the decision was completed before another past event ('by the time we arrived').
- 2. “will be announced” (a)**
Use the future passive (will be + past participle). 'Tomorrow' signals a future event.
- 3. “had been repaired” (d)**
The repair was completed before the inspector's visit (another past event). Use the past perfect passive: had been + past participle.
- 4. “is going to be opened” (a)**
Use 'is going to be + past participle' for a planned future action. The government's plan indicates a definite intention, which suits 'going to'.
- 5. “had been destroyed” (c)**
The destruction happened before the police arrived. Use the past perfect passive to show the earlier of two past events.
- 6. “will be informed” (b)**
This is a promise about the future. Use the future passive: will be + past participle.
- 7. “had ... been activated” (c)**
The alarm was not activated before the thieves escaped. Use the past perfect passive negative to show the earlier action (or lack of it).
- 8. “will be sent” (a)**
'Next week' signals the future. Use the future passive: will be + past participle.
- 9. “had been eaten” (c)**
'By the time the last guests arrived' signals that one past event was completed before another. Use the past perfect passive.
- 10. “is going to be demolished ... is going to be built” (c)**
Both actions are planned for the future. Use 'is going to be + past participle' for planned future events.
- 11. “had been deleted” (b)**
The deletion happened before I could read it. Use the past perfect passive to show the earlier of two past events.
- 12. “will be asked” (d)**
'Shortly' and 'We are beginning our descent' tell us this is about to happen in the near future. Use the future passive: will be + past participle.
- 13. “had been stolen” (d)**
The theft happened before she discovered it. Use the past perfect passive to describe the earlier past action.
- 14. “will have been completed” (b)**
Use the future perfect passive (will have been + past participle) because 'by the end of next month' sets a deadline by which the action will be finished.

15. “had been cleaned” (d)

Cleaning happened before the guests checked in. Use the past perfect passive for the earlier of two past actions.

16. “will have been notified” (a)

'By Friday' sets a future deadline. Use the future perfect passive (will have been + past participle) to express that the action will be complete before that deadline.

17. “had been moved” (b)

The meeting was moved before he found out. Use the past perfect passive to show the earlier event.

18. “will be delivered” (d)

'Tomorrow morning' is a future time marker. Use the future passive: will be + past participle.

19. “had been driven” (c)

The driving happened before the purchase (another past event). Use the past perfect passive: had been + past participle.

20. “is going to be built” (a)

The council has approved the plan, so this is a decided/planned future action. Use 'is going to be + past participle' for plans based on present evidence.