



## Passive in Different Tenses: Modal Passive Voice

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- This problem \_\_\_ easily if we work together.  
a) could be solved  
b) can solve  
c) can be solved  
d) is solved
- Mobile phones \_\_\_ during the exam.  
a) must not be used  
b) must not use  
c) should not be used  
d) cannot use
- The report \_\_\_ by Friday at the latest.  
a) should submit  
b) must be submitted  
c) should be submitted  
d) can be submitting
- The missing painting \_\_\_ in a private collection.  
a) might find  
b) might be found  
c) might have been found  
d) may be found
- All passengers \_\_\_ to show their ID before boarding.  
a) must ask  
b) should be asked  
c) have to be asked  
d) can be asked
- This document \_\_\_ without the director's permission.  
a) cannot be copied  
b) must not be copied  
c) cannot copy  
d) should not be copying
- Children under 12 \_\_\_ by an adult at all times.  
a) must be accompanied  
b) should accompany  
c) can be accompanied  
d) must accompany
- The concert \_\_\_ due to bad weather.  
a) may be cancelled  
b) could be cancelled  
c) might be cancelled  
d) may be cancelled
- These products \_\_\_ in a cool, dry place.  
a) should be stored  
b) should store  
c) must be stored  
d) can be stored
- The information \_\_\_ with anyone outside the company.  
a) cannot be shared  
b) must not be shared  
c) should not be shared  
d) must not sharing
- The old computer \_\_\_ — it's not worth fixing.  
a) ought to be replaced  
b) ought to replace  
c) should be replaced  
d) can be replaced





## Answers

1. c) can be solved
2. a) must not be used
3. c) should be submitted
4. b) might be found
5. c) have to be asked
6. c) cannot be copied
7. d) must be accompanied
8. d) may be cancelled
9. b) should be stored
10. d) must not be shared
11. a) ought to be replaced
12. b) can be washed
13. d) may not be brought
14. a) can't be reached
15. c) should be taken
16. d) could be postponed
17. b) must be worn
18. b) has to be filled in
19. a) can be seen
20. a) may be returned



# Explanations

**1. “can be solved” (c)**

Use 'can be + past participle' for present ability/possibility in the passive. The pattern is: modal + be + past participle.

**2. “must not be used” (a)**

Use 'must not be + past participle' for a strong prohibition in the passive. This is a rule about exams.

**3. “should be submitted” (c)**

Use 'should be + past participle' for advice or recommendation in the passive. The deadline suggests an expectation.

**4. “might be found” (b)**

Use 'might be + past participle' to express possibility in the passive. The location of the painting is uncertain.

**5. “have to be asked” (c)**

Use 'have to be + past participle' for an obligation or requirement in the passive. This is a compulsory procedure.

**6. “cannot be copied” (c)**

Use 'cannot be + past participle' to express that something is not possible or not permitted in the passive.

**7. “must be accompanied” (d)**

Use 'must be + past participle' for a strong obligation or rule in the passive. The children receive the action of being accompanied.

**8. “may be cancelled” (d)**

Use 'may be + past participle' to express a possibility in the passive. The cancellation is uncertain but possible.

**9. “should be stored” (b)**

Use 'should be + past participle' for a recommendation in the passive. This is storage advice for the products.

**10. “must not be shared” (d)**

Use 'must not be + past participle' for a strong prohibition in the passive. Sharing confidential information is forbidden.

**11. “ought to be replaced” (a)**

Use 'ought to be + past participle' for a recommendation in the passive. 'Ought to' has a similar meaning to 'should'.

**12. “can be washed” (b)**

Use 'can be + past participle' to express what is possible with this fabric. It's a care instruction.

**13. “may not be brought” (d)**

Use 'may not be + past participle' to express that something is not permitted in the passive. This is a library rule.

**14. “can't be reached” (a)**

Use 'can't be + past participle' to express impossibility in the passive. The windows are physically unreachable without a ladder.

**15. “should be taken” (c)**

Use 'should be + past participle' for medical advice in the passive. The medicine is the subject receiving the action.

**16. “could be postponed” (d)**

Use 'could be + past participle' to express a possibility in the passive. The bad weather makes postponement possible.

**17. “must be worn” (b)**

Use 'must be + past participle' for a compulsory safety regulation in the passive.

**18. “has to be filled in” (b)**

Use 'has to be + past participle' for a requirement or obligation in the passive. Note: 'fill in' is a phrasal verb — the preposition stays.

**19. “can be seen” (a)**

Use 'can be + past participle' to express general possibility in the passive. The bird is visible in these locations.

**20. “may be returned” (a)**

Use 'may be + past participle' to express permission in the passive. Customers are allowed to return the goods.