



Passive in Different Tenses: Passive Voice: All Tenses Mixed Practice

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- The Eiffel Tower ____ by millions of tourists every year.
a) was visited
b) is being visited
c) is visited
d) has been visited
- The suspect ____ by the police at 3 a.m. yesterday.
a) is arrested
b) has been arrested
c) was arrested
d) was being arrested
- Look! A new lane ____ to the motorway.
a) is added
b) was being added
c) is being added
d) has been added
- The homework ____ already ____ by the time the teacher asked for it.
a) has ... been finished
b) had ... been finished
c) was ... finished
d) was ... being finished
- Dangerous chemicals ____ without protective gloves.
a) must not be handled
b) should not handle
c) cannot handling
d) might not be handle
- The new stadium ____ by the end of 2026.
a) will be completed
b) is being completed
c) will have been completed
d) has been completed
- While the speech ____, some people in the audience fell asleep.
a) was being given
b) is being given
c) was given
d) had been given
- Over 100 people ____ so far in the rescue operation.
a) have been saved
b) are saved
c) were saved
d) are being saved
- According to the doctor, this medicine ____ twice a day after meals.
a) should take
b) was taken
c) must taking
d) should be taken
- The letter ____ yesterday, so it should arrive tomorrow.
a) was posted
b) is posted
c) has been posted
d) is being posted
- Don't use the lift — it ____ right now.
a) was serviced
b) is being serviced
c) has been serviced
d) was being serviced

12. All the tickets ____ before we got to the box office.
a) were sold
b) have been sold
c) had been sold
d) are sold
13. English ____ in many countries as an official language.
a) is spoken
b) speaks
c) is being spoken
d) has been spoken
14. The new motorway ____ next spring, according to the government.
a) is opened
b) is going to be opened
c) will be opening
d) has been opened
15. This type of cheese ____ only in the mountains of Switzerland.
a) can find
b) could found
c) is finding
d) can be found
16. The Olympic Games ____ in Paris in 2024.
a) are held
b) were being held
c) have been held
d) were held
17. Three new species ____ in the Amazon this year.
a) were discovered
b) have been discovered
c) are discovered
d) are being discovered
18. The damaged bridge ____ before the winter season starts.
a) is repaired
b) was repaired
c) is being repaired
d) will be repaired
19. When I got back to the car park, I saw that my car ____.
a) has been towed
b) had been towed
c) was towed
d) is being towed
20. Seat belts ____ at all times during the flight.
a) must fasten
b) are fastened
c) should fasten
d) must be fastened



Answers

1. c) is visited
2. c) was arrested
3. c) is being added
4. b) had ... been finished
5. a) must not be handled
6. c) will have been completed
7. a) was being given
8. a) have been saved
9. d) should be taken
10. a) was posted
11. b) is being serviced
12. c) had been sold
13. a) is spoken
14. b) is going to be opened
15. d) can be found
16. d) were held
17. b) have been discovered
18. d) will be repaired
19. b) had been towed
20. d) must be fastened



Explanations

1. “is visited” (c)

'Every year' signals a regular, repeated action. Use the present simple passive: is + past participle.

2. “was arrested” (c)

'At 3 a.m. yesterday' is a specific past time. Use the past simple passive: was + past participle.

3. “is being added” (c)

'Look!' indicates the action is happening right now. Use the present continuous passive: is being + past participle.

4. “had ... been finished” (b)

'By the time the teacher asked' shows one past action was complete before another. Use the past perfect passive: had been + past participle.

5. “must not be handled” (a)

Use the modal passive 'must not be + past participle' for a strong safety prohibition. The chemicals receive the action of handling, so we need the passive form.

6. “will have been completed” (c)

'By the end of 2026' sets a future deadline. Use the future perfect passive (will have been + past participle) to express that the action will be finished before that point.

7. “was being given” (a)

'While' introduces an ongoing past action. Use the past continuous passive: was being + past participle.

8. “have been saved” (a)

'So far' (up to now) requires the present perfect. Use the present perfect passive: have been + past participle.

9. “should be taken” (d)

'According to the doctor' introduces advice or a recommendation. Use the modal passive: should be + past participle.

10. “was posted” (a)

'Yesterday' is a finished past time. Use the past simple passive: was + past participle.

11. “is being serviced” (b)

The warning and 'right now' tell us the action is happening at this moment. Use the present continuous passive: is being + past participle.

12. “had been sold” (c)

The tickets were sold out before we arrived (an earlier past event). Use the past perfect passive: had been + past participle.

13. “is spoken” (a)

This is a general fact. Use the present simple passive: is + past participle.

14. “is going to be opened” (b)

'According to the government' indicates a plan. Use 'is going to be + past participle' for a planned future event.

15. “can be found” (d)

Use the modal passive 'can be + past participle' to express where the cheese is available. 'Can' here means possibility.

16. “were held” (d)

'In 2024' is a finished past time. Use the past simple passive: were + past participle.

17. “have been discovered” (b)

'This year' is an unfinished time period. Use the present perfect passive: have been + past participle.

18. “will be repaired” (d)

'Before the winter season starts' indicates a future event. Use the future passive: will be + past participle.

19. “had been towed” (b)

The towing happened before I got back. Use the past perfect passive: had been + past participle for the earlier past event.

20. “must be fastened” (d)

This is a compulsory safety rule. Use the modal passive: must be + past participle.