

Passive voice

The passive: be +past participle

- We often use the passive when it is not clear or important who does an action, e.g. *My bike has been stolen.*
(=Somebody has stolen my bike. I don't know who)
- If you want to say who did the action, use *by*.

A lot of films **are shot** on location. (present simple)
My car **is being repaired** today. (present continuous)
Death in Venice **was directed** by Visconti. (past simple)
She died when the film **was being made**. (past continuous)
My bike **has been stolen**. (present perfect)
You'll **be picked up** at the airport. (future form with will)
The bill **has to be paid** by tomorrow. (verb have to)

Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verb in brackets.

1. Look at the date – this cheese has to be(eat) today.
2. Next year over 2,000,000 mobile phones (make) in South Korea.
3. Around £500,000(steal) from a bank in Geneva this afternoon.
4. Kill Bill (direct) by Quentin Tarantino.
5. Too much money(spend) last year on personal expenses.
6. From next week, you (expect) to arrive at work on time.
7. Please wait in the lounge while your room (clean).
8. Most of the pollution in city centres (cause) by traffic jams.

Choose the correct answer:

1. It rained all the time while the film..... on location.
A- is made **B-** was made **C-** was making **D-** was being made
2. Cold drinks here.
A- are sold **B-** sell **C-** sold **D-** is selling
3. Someone the letters away by mistake.
A- is thrown **B-** was thrown **C-** thrown **D-** threw
4. My house at the moment.
A- is paint **B-** was being painted **C-** is being painted **D-** was painted
5. They all the tickets for the concert yet.
A- sell **B-** haven't sold **C-** haven't been sold **D-** didn't sold
6. The match tomorrow.
A- play **B-** is going to be played **C-** will play **D-** is going to play
7. Somebody this bill.
A- must pay **B-** must be paid **C-** must be pay **D-** must paid

8. Lada cars in Russia.

A- are make **B-** made **C-** make **D-** are made

9. Jk Rowling Harry Potter books.

A- was written **B-** wrote **C-** was wrote **D-** write

10. English in this restaurant.

A- was spoke **B-** is spoke **C-** is spoken **D-** speak

11. Seat belt at all times.

A- must wear **B-** must be worn **C-** must be wear **D-** wear