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Passive Voice Advanced Level

Forming the passive:

The passive voice is normally formed by using the correct form of be + the past participle of the verb. The following table shows how the passive voice is used with different tenses:

	Active	Passive
Present simple	He cleans his room every day.	am/is/are + past participle His room is cleaned every day.
Past simple	He cleaned his room this morning.	was/were + past participle His room was cleaned this morning.
will/shall	He will clean his room soon.	will/shall + be + past participle His room will be cleaned soon.
be going to	He is going to clean his room.	be going to + be + past participle His room is going to be cleaned .
Present continuous	He is cleaning his room now.	m/is/are + being + past participle His room is being cleaned now.
Past continuous	He was cleaning his room when I arrived.	was/were + being + past participle His room was being cleaned when I arrived.
Present perfect	He has cleaned his room.	has/have + been + past participle His room has been cleaned .
Past perfect	He had cleaned his room before I arrived.	had been + past participle His room had been cleaned before I arrived.
Future perfect	He will have cleaned his room by the time you arrive.	will/shall + have been + past participle His room will have been cleaned by the time you arrive.

Exercise 1: Read these sentences, then create new sentences using the passive voice. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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The police <u>have not solved</u> the case	The case <u>has not been solved</u> .

1. We don't often see tourists in this street.

Tourists are not often seen in this street.

2. They haven't found a solution to the problem yet.

A solution to the problem has not been found yet.

3. They're not going to replace Jack.

Jack is not going to be replaced.

4. They hadn't decorated the hall when I arrived.

The hall had not been decorated when I arrived.

5. They have not found a cure for the disease.

A cure for the disease _____

6. Nobody has called to reserve this table.

This table _____

7. Peggy's parents didn't approve of her travel plans.

Peggy's travel plans _____

8. They won't carry out any building renovations this year.

No building renovations _____

Exercise 2: Read the sentences, then ask questions using the given words and the passive voice. The first one has been done for you as an example. Students need to form questions after reading the first sentence. Remind them to think carefully about what tense they should use.

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3. **it/must/finish**

This job will take time. When must it be finished today?

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There's a heated argument going on. What is being discussed?

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This is a very sensitive issue. How can it be resolved so that no one is offended?

6. **flights from Paris/delay**

There are heavy snowstorms in Europe. Have flights from Paris been delayed?

7. **it/tow away**

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_____ *Was anybody injured?* _____

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3. **steal**

Mary told me that someone broke into your house last night. _____

_____ *What was stolen?*

4. **the meeting/not/last/long**

Sarah: Were you in the meeting all afternoon?

David: No, _____ *the meeting did not last long.* I was back home around four.

5. **yellow/not/suit**

Lily: What do you think of this dress?

Mandy: The dress is great, but the colour isn't quite right. _____ *Yellow* _____ you.

6. **bakery/close**

Mother: Did you buy any bread?

Boy: No, _____ *the bakery* _____.

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Your watch is beautiful. _____ *Is* _____ ?

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