

Passive Forms Review

1. When do we use Passive forms? Think about 3 situations. Vote in Mentimeter.

2. Complete the following sentences with a Present or Past Simple passive verb form. Use one of the verbs from the box.

eat – invent – manufacture – make – design - bring

- a. In Britain a car _____ every twenty seconds.
- b. Fish and chips _____ over to England by the Polish.
- c. During the Second World War, the Oscars _____ of wood.
- d. Typewriters _____ to help blind people to write.
- e. About 900 million Big Macs _____ each year.
- f. The electric chair _____ by a dentist.

3. Now rewrite these sentences so that they are active.

| Tense | Active | Passive |
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| Present simple | Reporters write news reports | News reports are written by reporters |
| Present continuous | Michael is baking a brownie | A brownie is being baked by Michael. |
| Past simple | The company hired new workers last year. | New workers were hired by the company last year. |
| Past continuous | The salesman was helping the customer when the thief came into the store. | The customer was being helped by the salesman when the thief came into the store. |
| Present perfect | They have already discussed the book. | The book has already been discussed . |

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

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4. Read certain facts about Human Rights. Transform the following passive sentences into active ones.

- a. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) **was adopted** by the UN General Assembly in 1948

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- b. Human rights are inalienable and **should not be taken away**, except in specific situations and according to due process.

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- c. The principle of universality in human rights **has been repeated** by many activists in international human rights conventions, declarations, and resolutions.

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- d. The right to liberty **may be restricted** if a person is found guilty of a crime by a court of law.

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5. Rewrite these sentences in the Passive form. Use the *Present, Past and & Future Tenses*.

- a. They were painting the outside of the ship when the accident happened.

- b. You must clean this machine every time you use it.

- c. Someone will drive your car to Edinburgh on Tuesday.

- d. I have told the children about the party.

- e. About thirty million people are watching this TV show.

- f. We expect students not to talk during the examination.

- g. Someone was carrying the bomb to a safe place when it exploded.

- h. The police is questioning Mr and Mrs Davidson.
