Passive voice exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

English is _____ in a lot of countries.

a) spoke b) speak c) spoken

2. Choose the right option

This bridge _____ built in 1890.

a) were b) was c) is

3. Type the answer using the hint

Do you like these photos? They were taken by _____ (I).

4. Choose the right option

The road is _____ repaired at the moment.

a) be b) being c) been

5. Match the pairs: word and its form

1. has stolen ___	a) have been cancelled
2. have cleaned ___	b) has been invited
3. has sold ___	c) has been stolen
4. have cancelled ___	d) has been sold
5. has invited ___	e) have been cleaned

6. Match the pairs: word and its form

1. will finish ___	a) will be finished
2. can do ___	b) should be cleaned
3. must pay ___	c) won't be sent
4. should clean ___	d) can be done
5. won't send ___	e) must be paid

7. Choose the right option

Cheese _____ from milk.

a) made b) makes c) is made

8. Type the answer using the hint

These photos _____ (take) at my sister's wedding last year.

9. Put the words in order

Say who ate the cake

was / the / eaten / by / eat / from / cake / dog / The

Not all words are needed.

10. Find the mistake and write the sentence correctly

At the moment our road is being repaired and a hotel is building nearby.

11. Build the sentence for this situation

Say that nobody has cancelled the trip yet

haven't / been / yet / cancelled / being / trip / hasn't / The

Not all words are needed.

12. Choose the right option

The windows are dirty. They should _____ cleaned.

a) been b) be c) being

13. Type the answer using the hint

Fresh bread _____ (sell) in this shop every morning.

14. Put the words in order

Say where people made your bike

Germany / bike / make / was / in / were / made / My

Not all words are needed.

15. Find the mistake and write the sentence correctly

The Mona Lisa was painted from Leonardo da Vinci.

16. Build the sentence for this situation

Say that workers are painting your house now

painting / painted / house / been / are / My / is / being

Not all words are needed.

17. Choose the right option

Good news! Your bike has _____ found.

a) being b) been c) be

18. Make it passive

They will repair your car tomorrow.

repairing / Your / will / been / tomorrow / car / be / repaired / repair

Not all words are needed.

19. Put the words in order

Say that people grow this tea in India

grown / This / tea / India / grow / in / is / are

Not all words are needed.

20. Find the mistake and write the sentence correctly

Our house was building in 1990. These photos were taken there in 1995.

21. Build the sentence for this situation

Say that your mum grew these flowers

These / were / by / flowers / grow / from / my / mum / grown

Not all words are needed.

22. Choose the right option

You can't use the kitchen today. It _____.

a) is being painted b) is painting c) are being painted

23. Make it passive

Someone has stolen my bike.

stolen / been / being / have / My / stole / bike / has

Not all words are needed.

24. Choose the right option

This bill must _____ today.

a) be paid b) paid c) be pay

Answers

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1. **spoken**
   After *is*, use the past participle *spoken*, not *speak*. *Spoke* is the Past Simple form.

2. **was**
   In 1890 shows the past, so not *is*. *The bridge* = *it*, so we use *was*.

3. **Do you like these photos? They were taken by me.**
   After *by*, use the same form as after *with*: *me*, like in *Come with me*.

4. **being**
   At the moment shows it is happening now. After *is*, use *being*. *Been* comes after *have* or *has*.

5. **1 c, 2 e, 3 d, 4 a, 5 b: has stolen – has been stolen; have cleaned – have been cleaned; has sold – has been sold; have cancelled – have been cancelled; has invited – has been invited**
   In the passive, put *been* and the past participle after *have* or *has*: *has been stolen*, *have been cleaned*.

6. **1 a, 2 d, 3 e, 4 b, 5 c: will finish – will be finished; can do – can be done; must pay – must be paid; should clean – should be cleaned; won't send – won't be sent**
   After *will*, *can*, *must*, *should*, the passive is *be* + past participle: *will be finished*, *must be paid*.

7. **is made**
   Cheese doesn't make anything. People make it from milk, so we use the passive: *is made*.

8. **These photos were taken at my sister's wedding last year.**
   Last year shows the past. *These photos* = *they*, so we use *were* + *taken*.

9. **The cake was eaten by the dog.**
   With the cake first, we use *was* + *eaten*, not *eat*. Put *the dog* after *by*, not *from*.

10. **At the moment our road is being repaired and a hotel is being built nearby.**
    The hotel doesn't build anything. After *is*, use *being* + *built*.

11. **The trip hasn't been cancelled yet.**
    The trip = *it*, so use *hasn't been* + *cancelled*. We usually put *yet* at the end.

12. **be**
    After *should*, use *be*. *Been* comes after *have* or *has*, and *being* comes after *am*, *is*, *are*.

13. **Fresh bread is sold in this shop every morning.**
    The bread doesn't sell anything, so we use the passive. *Bread* = *it*: *is* + *sold*.

14. **My bike was made in Germany.**
    People made the bike, so we use the passive: *made*, not *make*. *My bike* = *it*, so *was*, not *were*.

15. The Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.

We use *by* for the person who painted it. *From* is wrong here.

16. My house is being painted.

The house doesn't paint anything. Use *is being painted*, not *is painting*.

17. been

After *has*, use *been*. We use *being* after *am*, *is*, *are*, and *be* after *will* or *can*.

18. Your car will be repaired tomorrow.

Make *your car* the subject. After *will*, use *be* + *repaired*.

19. This tea is grown in India.

People grow the tea, so we use the passive: *is* + *grown*, not *is grow*. *Tea* = *it*, so we use *is*, not *are*.

20. Our house was built in 1990. These photos were taken there in 1995.

The house didn't build anything. After *was*, use the past participle *built*, not *-ing*.

21. These flowers were grown by my mum.

With the flowers first, we use *were* + *grown*, not *grow*. Put *my mum* after *by*, not *from*.

22. is being painted

The kitchen doesn't paint anything. Somebody is painting it, and *it* = *the kitchen*, so use *is being painted*, not *are being painted*.

23. My bike has been stolen.

Make *my bike* the subject. *My bike* = *it*: *has been stolen*.

24. be paid

The bill doesn't pay anything. After *must*, use *be* + *paid*.