

ENGL 154 Passive Voice

A. Decide passive or active? Circle correct answer.

1. Chocolate (drank / was drunk) as a hot drink for over a 1,000 year before the first chocolate bar (made / was made) by the Swiss born Daniel Peter. He (added / was added) condensed milk and he (created / was created) the first chocolate that could be eaten, not drunk.
2. Learning English (considers / is considered) important for one's success.
3. I (live / am lived) in Isa Town. It is a city that (locates/ is located) in the north central part of Bahrain.
4. Face painting (used / was used) by many tribes in the past to express different ideas, but nowadays only a few tribes (use / is used) face painting on regular basis.
5. I (didn't know / wasn't known) that Mariam is your cousin.
6. Khalid (forgot / was forgotten) his keys.
7. Seven students (chose / were chosen) to participate in the competitions. They (went / were gone) to the New York, where the competition (took / was taken) place.
8. We usually (finish / are finished) university around 3:00 PM, and it (takes / is taken) us about an hour to arrive home.
9. Too much sugar (added / was added) to the custard. I (didn't like / wasn't liked) it at all.
10. My cousins (told / are told) me that their father is angry. They (told /are told) not to watch TV this week.
11. All the grades (saved / were saved) in an Excel sheet on a flash disc.
12. While I was cutting the carrot, I by mistake (cut / was cut) my finger. I quickly (put / was put) a plaster on it.

B. Decide whether Passive or Active? Past or Present? Choose the most suitable answer.

1. You ___ to go into that room. It's only for teachers. (doesn't allow, didn't allow, aren't allowed, wasn't allowed)
2. Two days ago, my professor ___ us a writing test. (give, gives, gave, was given, is given)
3. Last week, we ___ our Uncle Ali. (visit , visits, visited, are visited, was visited)
4. In the past, in some countries girls ___ to go to school. (didn't allow, don't allow, aren't allowed, weren't allowed)
5. I ___ to my manager yesterday about my salary. (talk, talked, was talked, are talked)
6. In 1979, the company ___. (establish, establishes, established, was established, is established)
7. Ghada ___ to university yesterday. (doesn't come, didn't come, wasn't come, isn't come)
8. On Fridays, we ___ to the beach. (go, goes, went, are gone, were gone)
9. When I was six years old, I ___ an accident. (have, has, had, is had, was had)
10. I ___ where the cats are. I can't find them. (don't know, didn't know, wasn't known, am not known)

C. Decide passive or active? Past or present? Write your answer by yourself.

1. I _____ (have) four courses this semester. Last semester, I _____ (have) six. It _____ (be) much easier now.
2. I _____ (not know) the answer. I will ask the professor to explain this for me.
3. Bahrain _____ (not be) located in Africa. It _____ (be) located in the Middle East.
4. The National Day celebrations _____ (hold) every year.
5. This mosque _____ (build) in 1981.
6. New houses _____ (build) in our area every year.
7. Monet _____ (live) in France. One of his most famous paintings _____ (be) Water Lily Pond. He _____ (die) in 1926.
8. This table _____ (break). Do you know who _____ (break) it?
9. I think I _____ (scratch) the CD by mistake. I _____ (damage) it.
10. I _____ (be) sorry. I _____ (not mean) to hurt you. Forgive me.
11. Loud noise _____ (disturb) me so much. Please always keep the TV volume down.
12. Yesterday, I _____ (stand) in the sun for one hour before the bus _____ (arrive). I _____ (feel) so exhausted and I _____ (not attend) some of my classes.
13. A reminder _____ (send) on my mobile two hours ago. Still, I _____ (forget) to go!
14. He _____ (examine) all the documents and then he _____ (stamp) them and _____ (give) them to me. I _____ (thank) him and _____ (leave). Much later, however, I _____ (discover) that one of the documents _____ (tear).