

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE

Exercise

Rewrite the active sentences in passive voice and the passive sentences in active voice.

- Active : Many people visit Washington.
Passive :
- Active :
Passive : The White House was built by James Hoban.
- Active :
Passive : The White House and the Capitol are connected by Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Active : In the Capitol, workers are building a visitors center.
Passive :
- Active : They will probably finish it in 2006.
Passive :

Exercise on Passive Voice

Complete the sentences (Active or Passive Voice). Change according to the tenses

1. The house (build).....in 1945.
2. You (send).....home.
3. I (eat).....an ice-cream now.
4. We (go).....home now.
5. I (help).....you later.
6. The match (win / not).....by our team tomorrow.
7. The weather (improve / not)tomorrow.
8. The trees (cut).....down every year.
9. The meeting last night (cancel / not).....
10. They (do / not).....that again.

Rewrite the sentences in passive voice.

1. Sheila is drinking a cup of tea.
2. My father washed the car.
3. Farmer Joe is milking the cows.
4. She will take a picture of him.
5. I was writing a poem.
6. We were not playing football.
7. He is not wearing a tie.
8. Does she prepare the party?
9. Are they talking about the meeting?
10. Is she watering the flowers?

Hadrian's Wall

Fill the gaps with the correct tenses (active or passive voice).

In the year 122 AD, the Roman Emperor Hadrian (visit) his provinces in Britain. On his visit, the Roman soldiers (tell) him that Pictish tribes from Britain's north (attack) them. So Hadrian (give) the order to build a protective wall across one of the narrowest parts of the country.

After 6 years of hard work, the Wall (finish)..... in 128. It (be) 117 kilometers long and about 4 meters high. The Wall (guard) by 15,000 Roman soldiers.

Every 8 kilometers there (be) a large fort in which up to 1,000 soldiers (find)..... shelter. The soldiers (watch) over the frontier to the north and (check) the people who (want)..... to enter or leave Roman Britain.

In order to pass through the Wall, people (must go) to one of the small forts that (serve) as gateways. Those forts (call) milecastles because the distance from one fort to another (be) one Roman mile (about 1,500 meters).

Between the milecastles there (be) two turrets from which the soldiers (guard) the Wall. If the Wall (attack)..... by enemies, the soldiers at the turrets (run)..... to the nearest milecastle for help or (light)..... a fire that (can / see)..... by the soldiers in the milecastle.

In 383 Hadrian's Wall (abandon)..... Today Hadrian's Wall (be)..... the most popular tourist attraction in northern England. In 1987, it (become) a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Note :

In passive sentence/ passive voice, the result is more important than who did it. A sentence can be changed into passive voice if it contain an object, (transitive sentence)

Example :

Eka is typing a letter

The letter is being typed (by eka)