Passive Voice

CEFR A1 · Meeting the passive: is and are + past participle

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Worksheet 1: What Is the Passive?

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Active and Passive

In an **active** sentence, the subject does the action. In a **passive** sentence, the important thing is **what happens** to the subject — not who does it. We often use the passive when the "doer" is not important or not known.

Active	Passive
People **speak** English here.	English **is spoken** here.
They **make** cars in Japan.	Cars **are made** in Japan.
subject = doer	subject = the thing acted on
verb	is / are + past participle

> **Passive = a form of be (is/are) + past participle.**

Part A – Active or Passive?

Write A (active) or P (passive).

#	Sentence	A / P
1	The room is cleaned every day.	
2	She cleans the room every day.	
3	Coffee is grown in Brazil.	
4	Farmers grow coffee in Brazil.	
5	Many languages are spoken here.	

Part B – Find the Passive Verb

Underline the passive verb (be + past participle) in each sentence.

1. The books are kept in the library.
2. This cheese is made in France.
3. The doors are locked at night.
4. Rice is eaten in many countries.

Score: ____ / 20

Worksheet 2: is / are + Past Participle

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Making the Present Passive

To make the present simple passive: use **is** (one thing) or **are** (more than one) + the **past participle** of the verb. The past participle of regular verbs ends in **-ed**; some verbs are irregular (*make → made, eat → eaten*).

Subject	be	Past participle	Example
The car (one)	is	washed	The car **is washed**.
The cars (more)	are	washed	The cars **are washed**.
Bread	is	made	Bread **is made** here.
Apples	are	grown	Apples **are grown** here.

Part A – Choose is or are

1. The letters _____ sent every morning.
2. English _____ spoken in many countries.
3. The office _____ cleaned every night.
4. These shoes _____ made in Italy.

Part B – Complete the Passive

Use **is/are** + the past participle of the verb in brackets.

1. The rooms _____ (clean) every day.
2. This song _____ (love) by everyone.
3. The keys _____ (keep) in a drawer.
4. Coffee _____ (grow) in Brazil.
5. Many cars _____ (make) in Germany.

Score: ____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Negatives & Questions

Name: _____ *Date:* _____ *Level: A1 (CEFR)*

Reference: isn't / aren't and Word Order

For a **negative** passive, add **not** (isn't / aren't) after *be*. For a **question**, put **is/are** in front of the subject. The past participle does not change.

	Structure	Example
Positive	is/are + pp	The shop **is opened** at nine.
Negative	isn't/aren't + pp	The shop **isn't opened** on Sundays.
Question	Is/Are + subject + pp	**Is** the shop **opened** at nine?

Part A – Make it Negative

1. The dishes are washed. → _____
2. English is taught here. → _____
3. The doors are locked. → _____

Part B – Make a Question

1. Cars are made here. → _____
2. The room is cleaned daily. → _____
3. These books are used in class. → _____

Part C – Short Answers & Correcting

1. Is coffee grown here? (Yes) _____
2. Are the letters sent daily? (No) _____
3. Fix: "The room is clean every day." (passive) → _____
4. Fix: "English speak here." → _____

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Part A – Fix the Mistakes

#	Wrong sentence	Correction
1	The cars is made in Japan.	
2	Rice are grown in Asia.	
3	The room clean every day.	
4	Is spoken English here.	
5	The shop not is opened on Sunday.	

Part B – Complete the Text

Fill each gap with the present passive (is/are + past participle).

In our town, a lot _____ (do) to help people. Every day, meals _____ (cook) at the community centre. The food _____ (give) to families in need. The centre _____ (clean) by volunteers, and money _____ (collect) every month.

Part C – Writing

Write 5–6 sentences about how things are made or done (in a factory, a school, or your town). Use the present passive. Include at least one negative sentence.

#	Your sentence
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 P · 2 A · 3 P · 4 A · 5 P

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 are kept · 2 is made · 3 are locked · 4 is eaten

The passive is always a form of *be* + past participle. Practise spotting the two parts.

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 are · 2 is · 3 is · 4 are

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 are cleaned · 2 is loved · 3 are kept · 4 is grown · 5 are made

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 The dishes aren't washed. · 2 English isn't taught here. · 3 The doors aren't locked.

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 Are cars made here? · 2 Is the room cleaned daily? · 3 Are these books used in class?

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 Yes, it is. · 2 No, they aren't. · 3 The room is cleaned every day. · 4 English is spoken here.

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 The cars are made in Japan. · 2 Rice is grown in Asia. · 3 The room is cleaned every day. · 4 English is spoken here. · 5 The shop isn't opened on Sunday.

Worksheet 4 – Part B

is done · are cooked · is given · is cleaned · is collected

Worksheet 4 – Part C: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
be + participle	is/are + past participle correct	0–4
Agreement	is (singular) / are (plural) correct	0–3
Negatives	isn't/aren't used correctly	0–4
Task & length	5–6 sentences; clear	0–4