# Unit 42

# Passive 1 (is done / was done)

Study this example:



This house was built in 1935.

Was built is passive.

Compare active and passive:

Somebody built this house in 1935. (active)

This house was built in 1935. (passive)

When we use an active verb, we say what the subject does:

- ☐ My grandfather was a builder. He built this house in 1935.
- ☐ It's a big company. It employs two hundred people.

When we use a passive verb, we say what happens to the subject:

- ☐ This house is quite old. It was built in 1935.
- ☐ Two hundred people are employed by the company.

When we use the passive, who or what causes the action is often unknown or unimportant: ☐ A lot of money was stolen in the robbery. (somebody stole it, but we don't know who)

- ☐ Is this room cleaned every day? (does somebody clean it? it's not important who)

If we want to say who does or what causes the action, we use by ...:

- ☐ This house was built by my grandfather.
- ☐ Two hundred people are employed by the company.

The passive is be (is/was etc.) + past participle (done/cleaned/seen etc.): (be) done (be) cleaned (be) damaged (be) built (be) seen etc.

For irregular past participles (done/seen/known etc.), see Appendix 1.

Study the active and passive forms of the present simple and past simple:

Present simple

active: clean(s) / see(s) etc.

Somebody cleans this room every day.

passive: am/is/are + cleaned/seen etc.

- This room is cleaned every day.
- ☐ Many accidents are caused by careless driving.
- ☐ I'm not often invited to parties.
- ☐ How is this word pronounced?

Past simple

active: cleaned/saw etc.

Somebody cleaned this room yesterday. This room was cleaned yesterday.

passive: was/were + cleaned/seen etc.

- ☐ We were woken up by a loud noise during the night. ☐ 'Did you go to the party?' 'No, I wasn't invited.'
- ☐ How much money was stolen in the robbery?

Unit 42 **Exercises** 

12.1	Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form, present or past:									
		cause	damage	hold	invite	ma	ake			
		overtake	show	surround	translate	WI	rite			
	1 N	Many accide	ents are ca	wsed by da	ngerous dri	iving.				
	2 (	heese		fron	n milk.					
	3 7	The roof of	the building			in a	storm a	few days a	igo.	
	4 1	You		to the	wedding. V	Why die	dn't you	go?		
	4 You to the wedding. Why didn't you go?  5 A cinema is a place where films									
	6 I	n the United	States, electi	ions for preside	ent			every	four years.	
	7 (	Originally th	ne book		in	Spanis	sh, and a	few years	ago it	
				into English	1.					
	8	Although w	e were drivin	g quite fast, w	7e			by a lo	t of other cars.	
	9 1	You can't se	e the house f	rom the road.	It			by tree	es.	
42.2	Write questions using the passive. Some are present and some are past.									
42.2	1 Ask about glass. (how / make?) How is glass made?									
	1 1	1 Ask about glass. (how / make?)								
	2 .	Ask about t	elevision. (W	hen / mvent; /						
	3 .	Ask about r	nountains.	now / tottilt;	discover?)		.,			
	4	Ask about I	'luto (the pla	(when /	discover; )		•••••	***************************************		
42.3	Put the verb into the correct form, present simple or past simple, active or passive.									
	1	1 It's a big factory. Five hundred people are employed (employ) there.								
	2	2 Did somebody clean (somebody / clean) this room yesterday?								
	3	3 Water (cover) most of the earth's surface.								
	4	4. How much of the earth's surface (cover) by water:								
	5	The park gates (lock) at 6.30 p.m. every evening.								
	6	6 The letter								
	7	The boat hi	it a rock and			(sink)	quickly. I	Fortunately	/ everybody	
				(rescue)						
	8 Richard's parents (die) when he was very young. He and his sister									
				(bring \	up) by their	r grand	iparents.			
	9	Lwas horn	in London, I	out I		(gı	row up) i	in Canada.		
	10	While I wa	s on holiday.	my camera			(ste	al) from m	y hotel room.	
10 While I was on holiday, my camera  11 While I was on holiday, my camera  12 Why						(d1s	sappear) ire	om my noter room		
	12	Why		(S	Sue / resign	) from	her job?	Didn't she	e enjoy it?	
	12	Why		(H	Bill / sack)	from h	18 Job? W	yhat did ne	e do wrong:	
	14	The compa	ny is not ind	ependent. It			(ov	vn) by a m	uch larger compan	у.
	15	I caw an ac	cident last n	ight, Somebod	ly			(call) an an	nbulance but nobo	oay
				(injure), so th	e ambulan	ce			(not / need	.).
	16	Where			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		. (these p	hotograph	s / take)? In Londo	m:
		Sometimes it's quite noisy living here, but it's not a problem for me –								
	17	Sometimes	it's quite noi	isy living here,	but it's no	t a pro	blem for	me –		
		I (not / bother) by it.								
42.4	Re	ewrite these	sentences.	Instead of usin	ng someboo	dy, the	y, people	etc., write	a passive sentence	e.
				oom every day.	-	e room	is clear	ned every	day.	
	1	There can a	alled all fligh	to because of f						
	2	ney cance	elled all filgh	ts because of f						
	3	Comple dor	accused ma	of stealing mo						
	4	Somebody	accused life	or steaming into	How					
	3	Completed	eople learn la	anguages:						
	б	Somebody	warned us I	ioi to go out a						

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4 What would you do if you were in a lift and it stopped between floors?

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- 2 If he took his driving test, he'd fail (it). / ... he would fail (it).
- 3 If we stayed at a hotel, it would cost too much.
- 4 If she applied for the job, she wouldn't get it.
- 5 If we told them the truth, they wouldn't believe us.
- 6 If we invited Bill, we'd have to invite his friends too. / ... we would have to ...

# 38.4

Example answers:

- 2 I'd be very angry if somebody broke into my house.
- 3 If I didn't go to work tomorrow, I'd have a much nicer day than usual.
- 4 Would you go to the party if you were invited?
- 5 If you bought some new clothes, you'd feel much better.
- 6 Would you mind if I didn't go out with you this evening?

# **UNIT 39**

- 3 'd help / would help
- 4 lived
- 5 'd live / would live
- 6 would taste
- 7 were/was
- 8 wouldn't wait ... 'd go / would go
- 9 didn't go
- 10 weren't ... wouldn't be

### 39.2

- 2 I'd buy it / I would buy it if it weren't/wasn't so expensive. or ... if it were/was cheaper.
- 3 We'd go out / We would go out more often if we could afford it.
- 4 If I didn't have to work late, I could meet you tomorrow. or ... I'd meet / I would meet ... or ... I'd be able to meet ...
- 5 We could have lunch outside if it weren't raining / wasn't
- 6 If I wanted his advice, I'd ask for it / I would ask for it.

- 2 I wish I had a mobile phone.
- 3 I wish Helen were/was here.
- 4 I wish it weren't/wasn't (so) cold.
- 5 I wish I didn't live in a big city.
- 6 I wish I could go to the party.

- 7 I wish I didn't have to work tomorrow.
- 8 I wish I knew something about cars
- 9 I wish I were feeling / was feeling better.

# Example answers:

- 1 I wish I was at home.
- 2 I wish I had a big garden.
- 3 I wish I could tell jokes.
- 4 I wish I was taller.

# UNIT 40

- 2 If he'd missed / he had missed the train, he'd have missed / he would have missed his flight.
- 3 I'd have forgotten / I would have forgotten ... you hadn't reminded
- 4 I'd had / I had had ... I'd have sent / I would have sent
- 5 we'd have enjoyed / we would have enjoyed ... the weather had been
- 6 It would have been ... I'd walked / I had walked
- 7 I were / I was 8 I'd been / I had been

- 2 If the road hadn't been icy, the accident wouldn't have happened.
- 3 If I'd known / If I had known (that Joe had to get up early), I'd have woken / I would have woken him up.
- 4 If Jane hadn't lent me the money, I wouldn't have been able to buy the car. or ... I couldn't have bought the car.
- 5 If Karen hadn't been wearing a seat belt, she'd have been injured / she would have been injured (in the crash).
- 6 If you'd had / If you had had (some) breakfast, you wouldn't be hungry now.
- 7 If I'd had / If I had had (some) money, I'd have got / I would have got a taxi.

- 2 I wish I'd applied / I wish I had applied for it. or ... for the job.
- 3 I wish I'd learned / I wish I had learned to play a musical instrument (when I was younger).
- 4 I wish I hadn't painted it red. or ... the gate red.
- 5 I wish I'd brought / I wish I had brought my camera.

6 I wish they'd phoned / I wish they had phoned first (to say they were coming). or I wish I'd known / I wish I had known they were coming.

# **UNIT 41**

- 41.1
- 2 hope
- 3 wish
- 4 wished
- 5 hope 6 wish ... hope

### 41.2

- 2 I wish Jane/she would come. or ... would hurry up.
- 3 I wish somebody would give me a job.
- 4 I wish the/that baby would stop crying.
- 5 I wish you would buy some new clothes. or I wish you would get some new clothes.
- 6 I wish you wouldn't drive so 7 I wish you wouldn't leave the
- door open (all the time).
- 8 I wish people wouldn't drop litter in the street.

# 41.3

- 2 OK
- 3 I wish I had more free time.
- 4 I wish our flat was/were a bit bigger.
- 5 OK
- 6 OK
- 7 I wish everything wasn't/weren't so expensive.

- 3 I knew
- 4 I'd taken / I had taken
- 5 I could come
- 6 I wasn't / I weren't
- 7 they'd hurry / they would hurry
- 8 we didn't have
- 9 we could have staved
- 10 it wasn't / weren't
- 11 he'd decide / he would decide
- 12 we hadn't gone

# **UNIT 42**

### 42.1

- 2 is made
- 3 was damaged
- 4 were invited 5 are shown
- 6 are held
- 7 was written ... was translated
- 8 were overtaken
- 9 is surrounded

# 42.2

- 2 When was television invented?
- 3 How are mountains formed?
- 4 When was Pluto discovered?
- 5 What is silver used for?

### 42.3

- 3 covers 4 is covered
- 5 are locked
- 6 was posted ... arrived
- 7 sank ... was rescued
- 8 died ... were brought up
- 9 grew up
- 10 was stolen
- 11 disappeared 12 did Sue resign
- 13 was Bill sacked
- 14 is owned

bothered

15 called ... was injured ... wasn't needed

17 'm not bothered / am not

16 were these photographs taken ... Did you take

- 42.4 2 All flights were cancelled because of fog.
- 3 This road isn't used much
- 4 I was accused of stealing money.
- 5 How are languages learned/learnt?
- 6 We were warned not to go out alone.

# **UNIT 43**

- 43.1 2 it can't be broken
- 3 it can be eaten
- 4 it can't be used
- 5 it can't be seen
- 6 it can be carried

- 3 be made
- 4 be spent
- 5 have been repaired
- 6 be carried
- 7 have been caused
- 8 be woken up 9 have been arrested

# 43.3

- 2 The meeting has been postponed.
- 3 The computer is being used at the moment.
- 4 I didn't realise that our conversation was being recorded.
- 5 ... we found that the game had been cancelled.
- 6 A new ring road is being built round the city.
- 7 A new hospital has been built near the airport.

- 3 It's been stolen! / It has been stolen!
- 4 Somebody has taken it. or ... taken my umbrella.
- 5 He's been promoted. / He has
- been promoted. 6 It's being redecorated. / It is being redecorated.
- 7 It's working again. / It is working again. ... It's been repaired. / It has been repaired.
- 8 The furniture had been moved
- 9 He hasn't been seen since then
- 10 I haven't seen her for ages. 11 Have you ever been mugged?

# **UNIT 44**

# 44.1

- 2 I was asked some difficult questions at the interview.
- 3 Linda was given a present by her colleagues when she
- retired. 4 I wasn't told about the
- meeting. 5 How much will you be paid for your work?
- 6 I think Tom should have been offered the job. 7 Have you been shown what to

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- 44.2
- 2 being invited 3 being given
- 4 being knocked down 5 being treated

# 6 being stuck

- 443 2-6 Beethoven was born in 1770. Agatha Christie was born in
  - 1890. Galileo was born in 1564. Mahatma Gandhi was born in
  - Martin Luther King was born in 1929. Elvis Presley was born in
- Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452. William Shakespeare was
- born in 1564. I was born in ...

# 44.4

2 got stung

1935.

- 3 get used
- got stolen 5 get paid
- 6 got stopped 7 get damaged get asked

# UNIT 45

# 45.1

- 2 The weather is expected to be good tomorrow.
- 3 The thieves are believed to have got in through a window in the roof.
- 4 Many people are reported to
- be homeless after the floods. 5 The prisoner is thought to have escaped by climbing over a wall.
- 6 The man is alleged to have been driving at 110 miles an hour.
- 7 The building is reported to have been badly damaged by the fire.
- losing a lot of money. b The company is believed to have lost a lot of money last year.

8 a The company is said to be

c The company is expected to make a loss this year.

### 2 He is supposed to know a lot of famous people.

- 3 He is supposed to be very rich. 4 He is supposed to have twelve
- children. 5 He is supposed to have been an actor when he was

# vounger.

45.2

- 45.3 2 You're / You are supposed to
- be my friend. 3 I'm / I am supposed to be on
- a diet. 4 It was supposed to be a joke. 5 Or maybe it's / it is supposed

### to be a flower. 6 You're / You are supposed to

### be working.

- 2 're / are supposed to start
- 3 was supposed to phone 4 aren't / 're not / are not supposed to block 5 was supposed to arrive

# **UNIT 46**

# 46.1

3 a

4 b

- 1 b 2 a

## 46.2 2 To have my jacket cleaned.

- 3 To have my watch repaired.
- 4 To have my eyes tested.