

PASSIVE VOICE: PRESENT & PAST

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Talk about products, places and events when the action is the focus.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Give details and ask a follow-up. You can invent personal details.

A: This bowl's lovely. Where **was it made**?

B: In a studio near my home. Each one **is painted** by hand.

A: Really? **Was it given** to you, or did you choose it yourself?

2. THINGS AND PLACES

1. What local product **is made** in your region? How **is it used**?
2. What food **is often served** at celebrations where you live?
3. Where **is** your favourite snack **sold**?
4. When **was** a familiar building **built**? If you don't know, make a guess.
5. What object **was given** to you as a gift? Who chose it?
6. What language **is spoken** at home or work, besides English?

Keep talking: How is it made? / When was that done? / Who was it made by?

3. HOW THINGS ARE ORGANISED

Use a passive in your answer when the action or thing matters more than the person.

7. How **is** rubbish **collected** where you live?
8. What **was changed** recently in a place you know?
9. What **is provided** at your school, workplace or local sports centre?
10. What **was repaired** or replaced in your home recently?

4. AN OBJECT WITH A STORY

Choose an object you own, or invent one. Your partner asks about its history.

Explain where it was made, what it is used for and how you got it.

Example: This bag **was made** locally. It **is used** for shopping. It **was given** to me by Jo.

Swap roles. Use active sentences too when naming the person is more natural.

Answer help: It's made / used / sold ... / It was built / given / repaired ...

Remember: Use is/are or was/were + past participle. Add by if the person matters.