

Passive

Language Focus

- The passive is the way of writing a sentence so that the subject is the person or thing that experiences the action.

- When should we use the PASSIVE?
 - (i) When we want to focus on the person or thing being affected by the action.
e.g. A hospital has been named after him.
 - (ii) When we do not know the agent of the action.
e.g. Some old buildings were pulled down.
 - (iii) When the agent of the action can be anyone.
e.g. The town is now known nationwide.

A. Complete the passive sentences.

1. The development of his hometown surprises him.

_____ is surprised by the development of his hometown.

2. The rich man has donated a lot of money.

A lot of money _____ by the rich man.

3. "They did a great job!" the rich man said.

"A great job was done _____!" the rich man said.

4. Tom did a great job yesterday.

A great job _____ by Tom yesterday.

5. The mayor is thanking the rich man.

The rich man _____ by the mayor.

6. The rich man will give a speech tomorrow.

A speech _____ by the rich man tomorrow.

7. My mother gives me a kiss every day.

I _____ a kiss by my mother every day.

8. The children sang a song together.

9. A lot of mainland people visit Disneyland.

10. The student has corrected the mistakes.

B. Rewrite the sentences using the passive.

1. The rich man donated lots of money to the town last year.

2. The workers are planting some flowers in the park.

3. More than a million people visit this town every year.

4. The mayor will accompany the rich man to the town hall.

5. Somebody has put forward two suggestions.

6. The rich man is giving a speech in the town hall.

7. The workers pulled down an old cinema.

8. The mayor will invite the rich man to visit the town next year.

C. Complete the speech with the correct passive form of the verbs (present continuous, past simple or future simple). Use each verb only ONCE.

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| name | build | destroy | turn | replace |
| complete | show | kill | renovate | invite |

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's my honour that I (1) _____ to give a speech today. When I first came back, I found that many old things (2) _____ by some new ones. The most surprising of all is that my house (3) _____ into a museum and some buildings (4) _____ after me! Of course, the saddest of all is that the elementary school that I went to (5) _____ in a fire and some people (6) _____ in the accident.

Now, I know the old public park (7) _____ and a world-class resort (8) _____ at the moment. Both construction works (9) _____ by next year.

I am looking forward to visiting my lovely hometown again next year. I know I (10) _____ a picture of a better town every time I come back.

Thank you very much. God bless you.

