

Passives and Actives(1)

Active English is when the person/thing doing the verb (action)
is said before the verb

Amy **cooks** food for everyone. (Amy = person ; **cooks** = verb)

The teacher **taught** us math. (The teacher = person ; **taught** = verb)

Passive English is when the person/thing doing the verb (action)
is not said before the verb (sometimes after with "by")

** This form uses: be + p.p. verb

Food is cooked for everyone (by Amy). (**is cooked** = verb)

We were taught math (by the teacher). (**were taught** = verb)

Fill in the blanks using the **active** or **passive** tenses:

ex.) (help → helped → helped)

a) The medicine helped the sick people.

b) The sick people were helped by the medicine.

1. (paint → painted → painted)

a) The Mona Lisa _____ by Leonardo DaVinci.

b) Leonardo DaVinci _____ The Mona Lisa.

2. (clean → cleaned → cleaned)

a) Our school _____ by a janitor yesterday.

b) A janitor _____ our school yesterday.

3. (bake → baked → baked)

a) The bakery workers _____ bread this morning.

b) Bread _____ this morning by the bakery staff.

4. (use → used → used)

a) Medicine _____ to cure people by doctors.

b) Doctors _____ medicine to cure people.

5. (save → saved → saved)

a) Firefighters _____ a woman from a house fire.

b) A woman _____ from a house fire by firefighters.

6. (fix → fixed → fixed)

a) My broken bicycle _____ by a repair shop.

b) A repair shop _____ my broken bicycle.