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A QUICK REVIEW OF THE PASSIVE VOICE

We use passive voice when we want to give more importance to the **action**, rather than the **subject**.

Examples:

Active Voice

He ate all of the cookies.

Passive Voice

All of the cookies were eaten



The passive is formed using the auxiliary verb **“to be”** and the past participle of the principal verb.

Subject + auxiliary verb (to be) + past participle....



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Examples:

*The speech **is written** for the president.*

*The house **was built** in 1975.*

*My wallet **has been stolen**.*

*The room **will be cleaned** while we are out.*

WHEN TO USE IT

1. We use the passive voice when we **don't know** who completed the action.

Examples:

A civilian **has been killed**.

The car **was stolen**.

2. We use the active voice when we want to give more importance to **the action** and not who completed the action or when we don't want to say who completed the action.



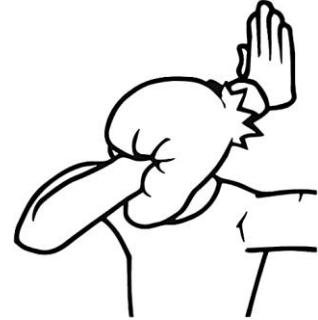
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Examples:

The letter **was delivered** yesterday.

A mistake **was made**.



Note: We cannot use the passive voice with intransitive verbs such as "die", "arrive" or "go" because these verbs are not used with direct objects.

Exercise I: Rewrite the sentence in the passive voice

Example:

Mark Twain **wrote** "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" in 1876.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" **was written** by Mark Twain in 1876"
or "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" **was written** in 1876 by Mark Twain."

1- They make many movies in Hollywood.



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2 - The students will give a presentation tomorrow.

3 - Someone has stolen my bike!

4 - We receive the newspaper every day.

5 - The children have eaten the cookies.

6 - We will complete the renovations next week.

7 - They pay us every Friday

8 - Did they deliver your new sofa?

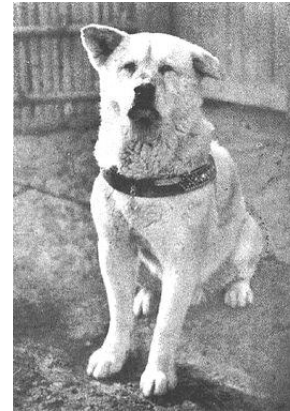


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Reading comprehension: Japan's most famous dog

In front of the enormous Shibuya train station in Tokyo, there is a life-size bronze statue of a dog. Even though the statue is very small when compared to the huge neon signs flashing, it isn't difficult to find. It has been used as a meeting point since 1934 and today you will find hundreds of people waiting there for their friends to arrive- just look for the crowds.



Hachiko, an Akita dog, was born in 1923 and brought to Tokyo in 1924. His owner, Professor Eisaburo Uyeno and he were inseparable friends right from the start. Each day Hachiko would accompany his owner, a professor at the Imperial University, to Shibuya train station when he left for work. When he came back, the professor would always find the dog patiently waiting for him. Sadly, the professor died suddenly at work in 1925 before he could return home.

Although Hachiko was still a young dog, the bond between him and his owner was very strong and he continued to wait at the station every day. Sometimes, he would stay there for days at a time, though some



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believe that he kept returning because of the food he was given by street vendors. He became a familiar sight to commuters over time.

In 1934, a statue of him was put outside the station. In 1935, Hachiko died at the place he last saw his friend alive.

Select the correct answer:

1 - Hachiko's statue is small in comparison to:

a. Life sized dogs b. Huge billboard signs c. Huge neon signs.

2 - People get together at the statue of Hachiko because:

a. They like to visit the bronze statue and pray for the dog's soul.

b. It serves as a meeting point for lovers.

c. People await there to meet with their friends.

3 - Where did the professor work?

a. In a primary school. b. at a university. c. at a train station.



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Select true or false

1- Hachiko waited every day at the station. True False

2 - Nobody gave Hachiko any food. True False

Define the following words: Loyalty and Friendship. Do you consider yourself to have these qualities? Why?



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Estimados estudiantes, la presente guía debe ser desarrollada en su cuaderno en caso de no contar con impresora. Mientras no volvamos a la normalidad continuaremos entregando instrucciones y material a través de papi notas y los canales oficiales del colegio.

Stay safe guys!!

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