**P A S S I V E V O I C E**

**(11th November class)**

* We often use the Passive Voice when we want to **focus on the object of an active sentence.** We do this by putting the object at the beginning of the sentence. (A menudo usamos la voz pasiva cuando queremos enfocar en el objeto de una oración activa. Hacemos esto poniendo el objeto al comienzo de la oración.)
* We form the Passive Voice with the verb “**be” + past participle** (3rd column) of the main verb of the active sentence. (Formamos la voz pasiva con el verbo “be” + el pasado participio (3° columna de verbos) del verbo principal de la oración activa)
* The important information is what happens or happened, not who does / did the action. If we want to mention the agent, we use “by”. When the agent is not known /not important or obvious, we don’t need to use the agent. (La información importante es lo que sucede o sucedió, no quién hace / hizo la acción. Si queremos mencionar el agente, usamos “by”. Cuando el agente no es conocido, no importante u obvio, no necesitamos usarlo)
* **PRESENT SIMPLE PASSIVE** (am / is / are + past participle)

Active Voice: Children in India **make** these clothes. (make – verb in Present Simple / these clothes – object of the verb)

Passive Voice: These clothes **are made** by children in India. (These clothes – subject of the Passive / children – agent)

* **PAST SIMPLE PASSIVE** (was/were + past participle)

Active Voice: The Japanese **produced** the Sony Walkman. (produced – verb in Past Simple / the Sony Walkman – object of the verb)

Passive Voice: The Sony Walkman **was produced** by the Japanese. (El Walkman Sony fue producido por los Japoneses) (the Sony Walkman – subject of the Passive / the Japanese – agent)

Active Voice: Akio Morita **invented** it. (Akio Morita lo inventó)

Passive Voice: It **was invented** by Akio Morita. (Fue inventado por Akio Morita) (it – subject of the Passive / Akio Morita – agent)

More examples

1. The gold **is brought** to Europe (We don’t know the agent – it’s unnecessary) (El oro es traído a Europa)
2. Silver **is used** in jewellery a lot, too. (The agent is obvious) (La plata es usada en joyería mucho, también)
3. The book **wasn’t published** on time. (El libro no fue publicado / no se publicó a tiempo)
4. The new James Bond film **was released** some years ago. (La nueva película de James Bond fue lanzada hace algunos años)
5. The new Microsoft software **was launched** in May.
6. A: When **was** the first Harry Potter book **published**? (¿Cuándo fue el primer libro de H. Potter publicado?

B: It **was published** in 1997. (Fue publicado en 1997)

1. A: Was the new car a success?

B: No, it **wasn’t liked** by the public at all. (No, no fue gustado

del todo por el público)

1. Pure gold **is not used** in teeth. It **is mixed** with other metals. (El oro puro no es usado en los dientes. Está mezclado con otros metales)
2. Gold wires **are used** in electronic equipment. (Filamentos de oro se usan / son usados en equipamiento electrónico)
3. Gold **is not damaged** by the environment. (El oro no se daña / no es dañado por el medio ambiente)

**a c t i v I t I e s**

**Task 1: Complete the text with the Present Simple Passive of the verbs.** (Complete el texto con el Presente Simple de Voz Pasiva)

Oil is sometimes called black gold, because it is extremely valuable. It 1)………………..(make) by very small plants and animals that died on the sea bed millions of years ago. Over 50 % of the world’s oil is in the Arab World. Russia and other countries that were once part of the Soviet Union also have a lot of oil. When oil 2)………………(find) in the sea bed, a special platform called a rig 3)……………….(move) into the right position. Oil from the ground or sea bed 4)……………..(separate) into different types of oil in a special factory called a refinery. Oil 5)………………. (use) for fuel (e.g.) in car engines) and to make electricity. We also make plastics with it. About 9,000 million litres (55 million barrels) of oil 6)……………..(use) every day.

**Task 2: Choose the correct form.** (Elija la forma correcta)

1. This company *imports / is imported* diamonds. Most of the diamonds *import / are imported* from the Netherlands.
2. One of the shops in the village *sells / is sold* lovely chocolates. The chocolates *make / are made* by hand.
3. We can *book / is booked* hotels and flights for you. All the booking *does / is done* online.
4. The offices *clean / are cleaned* every evening. The cleaners *come / are come* at eight o’clock.

**Task 3: Look at these pairs of sentences. Which is better, the active or passive version?** (Mire estos pares de oraciones. ¿Cuál es major, la versión activa o pasiva?)

1. a) Mum makes dinner for the family every evening.

b) Dinner is made for the family every evening.

2- a) Oil is very important. Dead plants and animals make it.

b) Oil is very important. It is made from dead plants and animals.

3- a) The cleaners don’t clean the office on Sundays.

b) The office isn’t cleaned on Sundays.

**Task 4: Complete these sentences with the past simple active or passive of the verbs.** (Complete estas oraciones con el pasado simple voz activa o pasiva de los verbos)

1. The Internet company lastminute.com ………………..in 1997. (set up)
2. It……………by two business partners, Martha Lane-Fox and Brent Hoberman. (start)
3. The company……………….by finding last-minute holidays for people. (begin)
4. But it soon……………into finding hotels, theatre tickets and even restaurants for people. (move)
5. Martha Lane-Fox……………….the company at the end of 2003. (leave)
6. She……………..in a car crash in Morocco in 2004. (almost kill)
7. She……………….from her injuries over the next year. (recover)
8. Lastminute.com……………..to Travelocity, another Internet company, in 2005. (sell)

**Task 5: Is the agent necessary in the following sentences? If not, cross it out.** (¿Es necesario el agente en las oraciones siguientes? Si no lo es, táchelo)

1. The company was started in 1999 ~~by its founders.~~
2. Microsoft Vista was launched in 2007 ~~by Microsoft.~~
3. “Guernica” was painted by Picasso.
4. The name of the new Secretary General was announced yesterday by the present Secretary General.
5. The story was published by a popular newspaper.
6. The new building was finished in time for the conference by builders.

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