A small reminder:

The most important tenses in the passive:

**Infinitive**  
*to be* + 3rd form of the verb

**Example**  
*to be* written = *geschrieben sein*/*geschrieben werden*

**Present tense**  
is/ are written

**Past tense**  
was/ were written

**Present perfect tense**  
has been written

**Future tense**  
will be written

A short revision of irregular verbs – you need the third form in passive sentences.

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I) Is this sentence active or passive?

Who wrote this letter?  
This letter was written by my father.  
Our house was built in 1990.  
Who broke the window?  
I think I will buy these shoes.  
When will the car be sold?  
When did you eat the soup?  
Who made the soup?  
It was made by my mother.  
Can you read the text?  
No, sorry it is written in Japanese.

II) Choose the correct answer, only one is correct.

Tennis _______ all over the world.  
a) play  
b) game  
c) are played  
d) is played  

His parents died when he was young. So he was ________ by his grandparents.  
a) brought out  
b) grown up  
c) brought up  
d) grown  

The job ________ next week.  
a) will finish  
b) will be finished  
c) will have finished  
d) has finished  

The job ________ last week.  
a) finished  
b) was finished  
c) will have finished  
d) finish  

The thief ________ and put in prison.  
a) was caught  
b) caught  
c) catches  
d) catch
III) Grow your own potatoes!

Read the following tips to help you grow the biggest weight of potatoes.

*Turn these sentences into passive!* 

Plants need light, water, food, space and air to grow well. 
Light, water, **food, space and air are needed by plants to grow well.**

You must put your potato somewhere in the light. 
Your potato _________________________________.

Potatoes need water to grow. 
Water is _________________________________.

Potatoes need food which comes from nutrients *(Nährstoffe)* in the soil. 
Food which comes from _________________________________.

Compost contains everything your plant needs. 
Everything your plant needs _________________________________.

You can add some extra plant food. 
Some extra plant food _________________________________.
Solutions:

I) Is this sentence active or passive?

Our house was built in 1990. Passive
Who broke the window? Active
I think I will buy these shoes. Active
When will the car be sold? Passive
When did you eat the soup? Active
Who made the soup? Active
It was made by my mother. Passive
Can you read the text? Active
No, sorry it is written in Japanese. Passive

II) Choose the correct answer, only one is correct.

Tennis ____d)____ all over the world.
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The job ____b)____ next week.
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   a) finished   b) was finished   c) will have finished   d) finish

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Light, water, food, space and air are needed by plants to grow well.

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Your potato must be put somewhere in the light.

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Water is needed to grow potatoes.

Potatoes need food which comes from nutrients (Nährstoffe) in the soil.
Food which comes from nutrients in the soil is needed to grow potatoes.

Compost contains everything your plant needs.
Everything your plant needs is contained in compost.

You can add some extra plant food.
Some extra plant food can be added.