



A small reminder:

The most important tenses in the passive:

<u>Infinitive</u>	to be	+ 3 <sup>rd</sup> form of the verb	
<i>Example</i>	to be	written	= geschrieben sein/ geschrieben werden
<u>Present tense</u>	is/ are	written	
<u>Past tense</u>	was/ were	written	
<u>Present perfect tense</u>	has been	written	
<u>Future tense</u>	will be	written	

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

Infinitive - 1 <sup>st</sup> form	Past - 2 <sup>nd</sup> form	Past Participle - 3 <sup>rd</sup> form	German
write	wrote	written	schreiben
eat	ate	eaten	essen
make	made	made	machen
read	read	read	lesen
drink	drank	drunk	trinken
buy	bought	bought	kaufen
sell	sold	sold	verkaufen
take	took	taken	nehmen
catch	caught	caught	fangen
cut	cut	cut	schneiden
build	built	built	bauen
throw	threw	thrown	werfen
break	broke	broken	brechen



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.



active

passive

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

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

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

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

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

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

The thief a) and put in prison.  
a) was caught                      b) caught                      c) catches                      d) catch

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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.