



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language

Topic: Active and Passive Voice

Total: 31 Marks

1. Passive

2 marks

Explanation:

This sentence is in the Passive Voice because the subject is having the action done to it.

2. true

2 marks

Explanation:

In the Active Voice the subject of the sentence does the action.

For example: John kicked the ball.

"John" is the subject in the above sentence.

3. subject | verb | tense

6 marks

Explanation:

When rewriting a sentence to the Passive Voice, the subject and object swop around and the verb changes. The tense of the sentence still has to remain the same.

Not all sentences have adverbs. The whole point of rewriting a sentence into the Passive Voice is to change the word order of the sentence.

4. The leash was pulled on by the dog.

3 marks

Explanation:

In the Passive Voice, the object ("the leash") moves to the start of the sentence and the subject ("the dog") moves to the end of the sentence.

The verb "pulled" is in the past tense, so in the Passive Voice the verb must stay in the past tense.

5. Active

2 marks

Explanation:

In this sentence the subject ("John") does the action ("was hitting") to the object ("Jason"), therefore it is in the Active Voice.

6. C: was entered

4 marks

Explanation:

The correct verb form is "was entered" as there is only one house.

If there were many houses, the verb form would have been "were entered".

7. B: was kicked

4 marks

Explanation:

The correct verb form is "was kicked" because there is only one ball.

If there were two balls, the verb form would be "were kicked".

8. false

2 marks

Explanation:

In the Passive Voice the sentence will be: The phone was dropped in the bath by Nicky.

"Phone" is singular, so therefore we use the auxiliary verb "was".

9. D: by Samantha

4 marks

Explanation:

In the Passive Voice the sentence would be: The customers are happily smiled at by Samantha.

"Samantha" is the subject of the sentence in the Active Voice, so in the Passive Voice

"Samantha" moves to the end of the sentence preceded by the word "by".

10. false

2 marks

Explanation:

In the Passive Voice the sentence will be: Coffee **is loved** by Nadia.

The verb has to stay in the present tense, as it is in the present tense in the Active Voice.

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