10.2 Active and Passive Voice: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

Repairs at Riverside School

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Riverside Primary School was badly damaged during last month's storm. Ferocious winds ripped several tiles from the roof, and rainwater flooded the school hall within hours. The head teacher, Mrs Adeyemi, was informed immediately by the caretaker, who had stayed at the school overnight to check the building. Emergency repairs were carried out the following morning. A team of builders replaced the damaged tiles, and the flooded hall was cleaned by a specialist company using industrial pumps. New windows were fitted throughout the west wing, although the old assembly hall could not be used for several weeks. Parents were reassured by a letter that explained the situation clearly. "The safety of our pupils is always put first," wrote Mrs Adeyemi in the letter. By half term, most of the repairs had been completed, and normal lessons resumed in every classroom. The builders were thanked publicly at a special assembly, where the caretaker was also praised for his quick thinking. Nobody had expected such a dramatic start to the new term, but the whole school community pulled together remarkably well.

1 Tick to show whether each sentence below is written in the active voice or the passive voice.

(a) The dog chased the ball. **(1)**

- ☐ Active voice
- ☐ Passive voice

(b) The window was broken by the storm. **(1)**

- ☐ Active voice
- ☐ Passive voice

(c) The chef cooked a delicious meal. **(1)**

- ☐ Active voice
- ☐ Passive voice

(d) The trophy was awarded to the winning team. **(1)**

- ☐ Active voice
- ☐ Passive voice

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(e) A specialist company cleaned the flooded hall. **(1)**

- [ ] Active voice
- [ ] Passive voice

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2 Circle the correct verb (was or were) to complete each passive sentence below.

(a) The cakes ___ baked for the summer fair. **(1)**

- [ ] was
- [ ] were

(b) The old bridge ___ repaired last year. **(1)**

- [ ] was
- [ ] were

(c) The letters ___ delivered by the postman this morning. **(1)**

- [ ] was
- [ ] were

(d) The school trophy ___ presented to the winning team. **(1)**

- [ ] was
- [ ] were

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3 Underline the agent (the 'doer' of the action, introduced by 'by') in each passive sentence below.

(a) The letter was written by Priya. **(1)**

(b) The trophy was presented by the mayor. **(1)**

(c) The old barn was destroyed by the fire. **(1)**

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4 The paragraph below has three mistakes in the passive voice. Find and correct the three mistakes.

Last weekend, the school fete were organised by the parents' association. Extra chairs was delivered by a local company, and the field was mow by the caretaker.

(3)

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Question 1

(a) Active voice ticked cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **Active voice**	
(b) Passive voice ticked cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **Passive voice**	
(c) Active voice ticked cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **Active voice**	
(d) Passive voice ticked cao	**B1**
(d) Answer: **Passive voice**	
(e) Active voice ticked cao	**B1**
(e) Answer: **Active voice**	

Question 2

(a) were circled cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **were**	
(b) was circled cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **was**	
(c) were circled cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **were**	
(d) was circled cao	**B1**
(d) Answer: **was**	

Question 3

(a) Priya underlined cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **Priya**	
(b) the mayor underlined cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **the mayor**	
(c) the fire underlined cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **the fire**	

Question 4

were corrected to was for the school fete (singular subject) cao	**B1**
was corrected to were for the extra chairs (plural subject) cao	**B1**
mow corrected to mown (or mowed) as the correct past participle cao	**B1**

Answer: **Last weekend, the school fete was organised by the parents' association. Extra chairs were delivered by a local company, and the field was mown by the caretaker.**

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