Passive voice - to be + past participle

A. Change the sentences from ACTIVE to PASSIVE:

1. The teacher is explaining the rules now. (Present Continuous)
2. My mom cooked dinner yesterday. (Past Simple)
3. They will clean the classroom tomorrow. (Future Simple)
4. The students read many books. (Present Simple)
5. The mechanic has repaired the car. (Present Perfect)
6. The police officer was helping the tourists. (Past Continuous)
7. The team will finish the project next Friday. (Future Simple)
8. They are going to paint the walls. (Going to – Future)

B. Change the sentences from PASSIVE to ACTIVE:

1. The homework is checked by the teacher. (Present Simple)
2. The cake was eaten by the children. (Past Simple)
3. The room will be decorated by my friends. (Future Simple)
4. The windows are being cleaned by the janitor. (Present Continuous)
5. The project has been completed by the team. (Present Perfect)
6. The letter had been sent by Sarah. (Past Perfect)
7. The work must be done by Monday. (Modal verb)
8. The test can be taken by all students. (Modal)

C. Choose the correct passive form:

1. English ___ (is spoken / speaks) in many countries.
2. The movie ___ (was watched / watched) last night.
3. The game ___ (will be played / will play) tomorrow.
4. The walls ___ (are being painted / are painted) right now.
5. The homework ___ (has been finished / has finished) already.
6. The car ___ (was being repaired / was repaired) when I arrived.
7. The project ___ (is completed / will be completed) next June.
8. The rules ___ (must be followed / must follow) by everyone.

D. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form:

1. The room _____ (decorate) every year. (Present Simple)
2. The letters _____ (send) last week. (Past Simple)
3. The homework _____ (check) tomorrow. (Future Simple)
4. The story _____ (write) right now. (Present Continuous)
5. The movie _____ (watch) many times. (Present Perfect)
6. The house _____ (build) before 1990. (Past Perfect)
7. The work _____ (should/finish) by next month. (Modal)
8. The invitations _____ (send) next Monday. (Going to – Future)

E. Rewrite the sentences in passive voice using the prompts:

1. People speak Spanish in Mexico. → Spanish _____
2. They built a new school last year. → A new school _____
3. They will open the museum next month. → The museum _____
4. They are fixing the computers. → The computers _____
5. They have finished the project. → The project _____
6. They were painting the fence. → The fence _____
7. They have completed the bridge. → The bridge _____
8. They should follow the rules. → The rules _____

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Active Passive	I write a message weekly. The message is written (by me).	**present simple**
Active Passive	I wrote a message yesterday. The message was written (by me).	**past simple**
Active Passive	I have written a message. The message has been written (by me).	**present perfect simple**
Active Passive	I had written a message before you came. The message had been written (by me).	**past perfect simple**
Active Passive	I will write a message tomorrow. The message will be written (by me).	**future simple**
Active Passive	I am writing a message now. The message is being written (by me).	**present continuous**
Active Passive	I was writing a message when you came. The message was being written (by me).	**past continuous**

When do we use the Passive Voice?

- When the doer is unknown.

My bike was stolen.

- When the doer is obvious or not important.

The test is given on Fridays.

- When the action is more important than the person.

The pyramids were built thousands of years ago.

Verbs with two objects in the Passive voice - either object can become the subject, depending on what we want to emphasize:

He gave her a flower.

The flower was given to her.

She was given a flower.

Verbs + prepositions in the Passive voice - the preposition stays with the verb:

People look after the children.

The children are looked after.

Modals in the Passive voice:

Modal verbs (can, should, must, may, might, will, etc.) form the passive voice in a very regular way.

modal + be + past participle (V3)

- The homework must be done.
- The rules can be changed.
- The project might be finished tomorrow.

Inspiration/ writing prompts:

"Greatness is achieved when small steps are taken consistently."

"Dreams are built by the courage that is shown, not the fear that is felt."

"Hope is kept alive by the kindness that is shared.

"The future is shaped by the choices that are made today."